



THE WORK SHEET

Employment happenings in Utah for our peeps.

The Employment Partnership results in agencies collaborating and coordinating their policies, resources, services, and training to more effectively serve individuals with disabilities to achieve their employment goals.

Easter Seals—Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain

Janet Wade and Lee Manwarig joined us to share about Easter Seals Goodwill (ESGW) - a great partnership. ES has been providing services for several years, including employment for people over age 55, Occupational Therapy, Autism and early intervention services. They have ex-

panded as the need has arisen and the funding has become available.

Now Goodwill Industries has opened a store in Salt Lake with the intention of expanding to 25 stores across the state. The good news is this: You can donate your items, purchase other items and

93% of the till returned to ES for the programs and services. A win-win for everyone!

For more information contact Janet at (801) 633-2091 or janetw@esgw.org. Be sure to visit the Goodwill Industries store at 4545 South 900 East in Salt Lake City!

State Energy Assistance Program

Sue Kolthoff from State Energy Assistance Program shared that over 39,000 households were provided energy assistance this year. While the program is closed for the season, two offices are open: Ogden and Five County. Emergency funds are available and people should call if they have a 48 hour shut off notice. See www.utahposthighsurvey.org

Reforming Social Security's Disability Benefits System

The National Council on Disability has issued a notice, "Reforming Social Security Disability Benefits". Carol is working with a four state and two university consortium to respond. Much has been learned from the MIGs, SPIs, Benefits Offsets and DMIEs (see minutes) and they hope they will have a strong proposal by the June 18 due date.

EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERS: In case you wondered...

- Individuals with disabilities
- Parents and Advocates
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
- USOR Employer Relations
- USOR Benefits Planning
- Department of Workforce Services
- Utah State Office of Education, Special Education
- Division of Services for People with Disabilities
- Division of Medicaid and Health Financing
- Utah Independent Living Council
- Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Division of Community and Family Health Services
- Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Easter Seals Goodwill Northern Rocky Mtn.
- Utah Parent Center
- Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
- Utah Association of Community Services
- UBET/Chamber of Commerce
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
- USU Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
- Work Ability Utah

BRIEF UPDATES

DSPD is opening four time-limited internships for people with disabilities. (Tricia)

reational Lands Pass <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

USOR and USOE are conducting four cross trainings for counselors and educators in August. (Susan)

DSAMH is investigating supported employment opportunities with the community mental health centers. (Doug)

Leah is training federal contractors on hiring and retaining people with disabilities.

People with disabilities are being connected with American Red Cross for a shelter exercise to prepare for disasters. (Carol)

America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Rec-

Primary elections are June 16. Learn the issues and candidates and go vote! (Kris)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Social Skills Group for Youth with Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders Ages 8-13 Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. Jubel Morgan, R.N. at 801-587-3775 or email jubel.morgan@hsc.utah.edu
- * 6/16 Sibshop 10:30-1:30 Salt Lake City Youth Services konne@allieswithfamilies.org or call 801-433-2595
- * 6/21 Representative Payee Workshop, Brigham City, Carol
- * 8/9 Brain Injury Association of Utah night with the Ogden Raptors
- * 9/11 Employer Workshop, Leah
- * 10/2 Work Ability Career Exploration and Job Fair, Carol
- * 10/12 Golden Key Awards, Leslie
- * Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell. Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events www.workabilityutah.org.

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Next Employment Partnership meeting is August 21