

CEO HIGHLIGHTS

WDC Board Meeting September 2016

Announcements

- **2016 WA Workforce Association Conference: November 9 & 10**
The conference emphasizes the importance of partnerships and collaboration in meeting customer needs and matching the right job seeker with the right business. Board Members interested in attending should contact Vanessa.
- **Department of Labor (DOL) America's Job Centers Research Project**
WorkSource Mason was randomly chosen to participate in a national research project of fifty (50) Centers from across the nation. Areas will be studied to understand the variation across centers, partnering arrangements, funding, administration and service delivery. The study seeks to understand the range of institutional features and dynamics that shape WorkSource-America's Job Centers (AJC). A team from Mathematica Policy Research will be on site in late November.
- **PacMtn's Nancie Payne Workplace Excellence Award**
Watch for the announcement and recommend or submit applications for businesses that represent the best in workplace productivity, diversity and employee engagement.

Providing Services

- **Workforce Integrated Technology-WorkSourceWA.com**
WorkSourceWA.com went live in July with enhanced labor exchange technology for employers and job seekers. Outreach work continues to ensure job seekers and employers can access and use the system. The other portion of the technology platform, *Efforts to Outcomes* (ETO) application for client management has not fully met expectations. Staff throughout the state are struggling with problematic functionality and little or no performance data. Employment Security is continuing to address issues and our region's performance will not be negatively impacted while Washington transitions to our new technology solution and the new WIOA standards.
- **C2C Fellows Touted in Undersecretary of the Army Patrick Murphy and Senator Murray Tour of Transition Programs at JBLM**
In a rare and privileged 2 hour visit with U.S. Dignitaries, 40 of the Camo2Commerce (C2C) Fellows and Employer Sponsors described the value of their experiences with the Corporate Fellowship. PacMtn staff organized and facilitated the event. Interstate Trucking, part of the family of companies owned by Saltchuck was the on-site host for the event. Both are big supporters of the Fellowship Program. The Undersecretary and Senator were duly impressed and expressed deep appreciation for the service and continuing work of the Fellows.
- **WIOA Service Provider Transitions**
All contractor staff are now in place and serving customers throughout the region. The contractors bring new solutions for old problems and they remain committed to partnership and ways of doing business that follow established policy and meet customer needs.
- **AmeriCorps Begins Another Year**
Again funded with support from Dept. Social Health Services, this year's Members will provide services for disconnected youth by being the primary deliverers of UPLIFT!, PacMtn's work readiness program. The six new members are introduced on the attached sheet.

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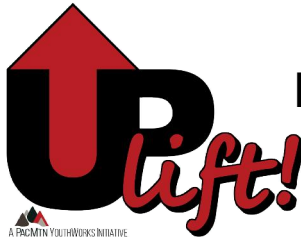
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Regional Workforce Happenings

- **Mason County Youth Entrepreneurship Camp (Y.E.C.)**
 With sponsorship by Lynn Longan and WDC Board, Community Outreach funds sixteen youth attended the third annual on the campus of Olympic College (OC) Shelton August 2-5, 2016. The camp targets youth, ages 14-19, who live in Shelton and participate in the HOPE garden project. The youth are exposed to entrepreneurial opportunities and an emphasis is placed on developing skills necessary to be an entrepreneur. PacMtn staff provided feedback on the business plans of participating students.
- **Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)**
 PacMtn was invited to participate in an open discussion with Senator Cantwell and Congressman Kilmer on the prospects and possibilities of the new CLT technologies. Hosted by Sierra Pacific and facilitated by Mason EDC the afternoon concluded with a tour of the new Sierra Pacific state-of-the-art lumber plant. The company is beginning to hire and has made strong effort to rehire many of those laid off from Simpson and Olympic Panel Products.
- **South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) awarded \$500,000**
 Over the next five years SPSCC will develop a Guided Pathways program to support low-income students and students of color in navigating a positive college experience leading to a job. Through this project, PacMtn hopes to work with SPSCC to develop clearer paths to certificates, transfer degrees, and careers in jobs of high importance to the region.

PacMtn Impacts

- Jeff Meeks, Executive Director **Arc of Grays Harbor** is one of our partners in the delivery of the summer internship program for youth with disabilities. Youth get job preparation training through UPLIFT! and then are placed in 55 hr. internships. Jeff wrote to Raymond, PacMtn AmeriCorps Supervisor, "This has been my happiest professional experience at The Arc. Seriously. The credit is almost entirely due to you and the Uplift course."
- **Olympic Food Equipment Sales** needed help to fill positions and when WorkSource responded, the employer called Joseph. "I want to thank you for your help and kindness. I have not only heard from the local team but they reposted my old job and have already sent me some resumes for qualified candidates for the position. In addition, I have already set up two interviews. This is as a result of our conversation and your good service."
- **Southwest Community Partnership for Transition Services** promotes the successful transition of adults into the community after incarceration. This summer PacMtn Workforce Specialist Lauren Robbins was acknowledged for her dedicated service in helping individuals with criminal records find jobs.
- **PacMtn MyJOB (My Journey Out Beyond) made the news!** See the video at on our homepage at www.pacmtn.org! Be sure and Like us on Facebook to keep up with the current happenings at PacMtn WDC!



PacMtn Youth Services

Youth Services AmeriCorps Team

Project Summary

Program Year 2016



Team Uplift!: This team will continue the delivery of intensive career preparation, exploration and readiness essential skills training through our YouthWorks initiative, and further develop the model. Through the 40-hour training delivery, the member will prepare youth for the workplace through an industry best practice curriculum built in collaboration with employers.

Raymond Irving – AmeriCorps Program Supervisor

- **Jessica Yost** – Jessica is returning member who served **Opportunity Populations**; in partnership with The **Squaxin Tribe**; Jessica supported and increased outreach of youth programming for social, and academic engagement. Jessica’s caring heart, and spirit of giving service will continue to add tremendous value to our team.
- **Christine Detrick** - Christine is a new member to our group; Christine has a strong background in Business, Law and Government. Christine is a strong leader/teacher who brings compassion, encouragement, strength and knowledge to all she comes in contact with.
- **Lisa Vizgaudis-Broadway** - Lisa is a returning member who co-facilitated and successfully coordinated the setup all of our Uplift! Trainings from start to finish; Lisa’s knowledge, experience, leadership, and wisdom of our services, is a great benefit to the proper training; and successful readiness for our new members.
- **Ariel Blain** - Ariel is a returning member who served **The Business 2 Youth Connect (B2Y)** in partnership with **Thurston County Chamber of Commerce and Olympia School District**. Ariel’s strong knowledge, and workplace experience, and professionalism will be a great contribution to our program.
- **Tyler Zinck** – Tyler is a new member, who has a strong, compassionate desire to give back to the community, and serving all young adults. Tyler’s dedication to excellence, her passion for learning, and teaching, will make a huge difference in the lives of everyone she serves in our program.
- **ShaMarica Scott** – ShaMarica is a current student at **Evergreen State College**; who’s an inspirationally strong person; who lives to service all youth, especially, the disadvantaged. Youth coach, mentor, teacher, community advocate leader, ShaMarica is great addition to help us reach out, and serve our young adult population.

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