

CEO HIGHLIGHTS

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BREAKING NEWS! Career Connect Learning project gets an addition \$750,000 to implement programming. Staff are still evaluating the specifics, but a variety of activities and projects are on tap to help rural community youth get better connected to jobs in today's economy.

Rural Pathways to Prosperity Conference promotes career connections in rural Washington. 542 people registered, ready to gather together in 21 different communities across the state for a morning of inspiration, learning and networking with key speakers and local leaders. Combined with the activities in Grays Harbor and Pacific County PacMtn hosted one of the largest gatherings in the State. We also attracted 10 individuals from Pierce County and new partners like Association of WA Cities and Department of Commerce. PacMtn's excellent panel of Lakeside Industries, ResCare Youth Services and TESC Internship Office brought unique understanding and voices and prompted lively conversation.

Attracting Dollars that Serve the Region---The Hallmarks of Innovation and Collaboration

- **Helping the National Opioid Crisis via NEG ...**PacMtn together with Snohomish WDC are working with the State to apply for a \$5 mil grant to address the workforce impacts of the crisis. CHOICE Health and many other local community based organizations are teed up to enact this innovative project.
- **Collaboration Pilot Project with TRL Olympic, Centralia and Grays Harbor Colleges** was approved. The grant is for I-DEA Integrated Digital English Acceleration Project. That project will be augmented by support from the State Library for implementation of High School Equivalency Diploma (HS21+) in the libraries of the TRL's predominantly rural system. The nearly \$145,000 in funding will purchase 150 laptops, "peripherals" and management software.
- **Community Jobs receives \$43,000 helps TANF customers build understanding and networks.** Understanding the workings of institutions that affect your daily life like housing, voting and personal finance strengthens self-esteem and mastery. Building your social capital and learning how to strengthen your personal network will enable greater self advocacy and better decision making.

PacMtn Performance Off the Charts! Employment Security applauded last year's performance as excellent---going above our targets in all 6 areas.

Governor Appoints new Employment Security Commissioner, Suzi LeVine. Ms LeVine is former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein and previously Microsoft as director of strategic partnerships for student developers and as director of communications and Expedia in sales and marketing. She is a strong supporter of apprenticeship and career connected learning. Ms LeVine is positioned to be a strong asset in the evolution of our workforce system.

Board Member Kairie Pierce helps create 5 min NPR radio article on Apprenticeship...The 20 year old quoted in the web story is one of the young adults PAC Mt assisted for the pre-apprenticeship ironworker program. <http://knkx.org/post/high-paying-jobs-go-begging-while-high-school-grads-line-bachelor-s-degrees>

New case management system Washington WIOA Integrated Network (WAWIN) will improve information access and reporting for customers. The new case management system is designed by Monster Government Solutions (MGS) to better respond to an integrated service delivery (ISD) and co-enrollment.

PacMtn hosts important guests....national MDRC researchers looking at TANF integration in local systems and staff from state legislative research offices came to hear what PacMtn is doing to address contemporary workforce issues.

Impacting Lives...“I'm a single mom of a little boy and I have gone through a lot that has always made me feel that I wasn't going to go anywhere in life. I have battled with depression and anxiety most of my life. It got worse after I had my son because I had very little family that could help me. With the help of the TANF program I got my own place and they helped me get in to see someone to help me get through day-to-day life stuff. I was told about the Community Works program from my DSHS worker. The staff helped me connect to help for my son and I. My work site helped me get to my goal by allowing me to work in the childcare field. I also was able to make a resume and had a mock interview. I was able to get help with day care, getting my son pull ups and wipes for day care, clothing for my new job, and gas to get to and from work and class. I know that if I'm ever in the position where I needed help or change my job field I can always go to the CJ staff and I know they would point me in the right place. I have been offered a full time position as a Center Support Aide. I just don't have a job now I have a career.”

My JOB staff support Echo Glen's Spring Sale and emerging entrepreneurs...Several MyJOB participants have gotten preferential job placement for on campus positions at Echo Glen. Staff help students apply for positions and prep for interviews at Echo Glen's kitchen as a culinary assistant, as the campus' barista and Barista Manager in Café Success. One of the My JOB participants serves on multiple committee's including, Youth Voice that helps students provide an active, distinct, and concentrated way to be represented throughout society;



WA-PCJJ that provides a platform for shared and collaborative leadership and recommendations on innovative juvenile justice reforms and best practices. This young woman also works in Canine Connections helping foster out dogs after they have been trained with basic commands. She is responsible for cleaning and caring for the animals. She recently received an acknowledgement from Governor Inslee.

