



SERVING CHELAN, DOUGLAS, GRANT, ADAMS, OKANOGAN COUNTIES



SkillSource guests toured the WorkSource Center and Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake to meet people who have been successfully served by EcSA and CRP.

IN THE LOOP | Issue 10, November 2024

Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Welcome to our 10th issue of In The Loop, a monthly newsletter just for SkillSource Board Members and County Commissioners. The success stories, news, and outcomes featured here are possible because of people who have committed themselves to helping others. It is an honor and privilege to do this important work with each and every one of you.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lisa Romine, CEO

Board Member Spotlight

Big Bend Community College is an invaluable resource for North Central Washington residents and businesses. We are grateful for their partnership, and the leadership of their President, Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy, who has served as SkillSource Board Member since 2020. *"As president of Big Bend, I feel compelled to support the efforts in our region to educate and support individuals."*

Fun fact: Her first job was at McDonald's! *"I started working at McDonald's when I was 16 years old until I joined the military at the age of 18. I worked the front counter, drive-through and the french fries fryer. "*

Sara, thank you for your dedication and leadership. SkillSource is lucky to have your guidance on the Board.



"SkillSource and Big Bend have so many overlapping interests and I love being able to work together. The best part is knowing that, as partners, we've transformed someone's life together. It's not an uncommon occurrence for both entities to have a transformative impact on the same person's life because we align our efforts. "

Sara Thompson Tweedy

Big Bend Community College

Board Member Spotlight

Community Reinvestment

The small business investment grants awarded through the Department of Commerce continue to change lives in our region and beyond. The impacts are immediate, significant, and have a positive effect that ripples out into our local communities.

Read and share the stories below:



Diamond Hands Boxing

Business owner Fernando Ontiveros purchased new equipment and supplies for his boxing gyms that will help him better serve at-risk youth in Grant County.

[Read Story](#)



Ramiro's Restaurant

Ramiro Pineda bought new energy-efficient appliances to improve efficiency and sustainability for his family-run bar and restaurant in Adams County.

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Outcomes

In the last board meeting we shared outcomes and performance reports. The snapshot below includes current and updated outcomes through June 30, 2024 as shared by the WA State Employment Security Department, highlighting a sampling of performance measures where we have exceeded targets for WIOA, QUEST, Federal and State EcSA, and CRF.

Outcome	Target	Actual
WIOA Adult Employment Placements	63	68
WIOA DW Employment Placements	18	23
WIOA Youth Enrollments	148	181
WIOA Youth WEX Expenditure Ratio	20%	27%
QUEST NDWG Enrollments	35	63
QUEST NDWG Exits to Employment	11	23
Federal EcSA Enrollments	57	79
Federal EcSA Participants in Training	50	73
State EcSA Enrollments	49	112
State EcSA Participants in Training	49	60
State EcSA Employments Above Self-Sufficiency Wage	25	27
CRF EcSA Incentives Program Expenditures	\$150,100	\$191,426
CRF EcSA Incentives Program Customers Served	40	62
Business Support Program Expenditures	\$73,000	\$78,686

New! Updated Brochure

Our general brochure is freshened up! The brochure can be downloaded to print in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), or, you can [send a request](#) to [Communications Manager, Kelli Martinelli](#), and she will print some for

you.



Upcoming Events & Reminders

WWA CONFERENCE - The Washington Workforce Association will host its annual conference in Tacoma on **November 12 -14**. Several SkillSource staff members will be attending and presenting.

BOARD RETREAT - Please save the dates for **March 13-14, 2025** for our bi-annual board retreat. The retreat location is to be determined. More details to come.

COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS - There are no sub-area Committee Meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year. The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 3rd** at 5:30 pm over Zoom.



Charlie Wood (center) is one of the participants who shared their story on the Legislative Tour last month in Moses Lake. We are grateful for strong partnerships that help Charlie and so many others find success!

READ STORY



Business owners, community partners, career seekers, board members, educators, local officials, and SkillSource staff connected at the Othello Open House on October 30. Thank you to those who could join!

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