

IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

As we wrap up the program year and head into summer, we're celebrating real progress, from graduations to small business workshops to strengthening partnerships. The momentum is energizing! None of it happens in isolation. It takes coordination, commitment, and strong partnerships, like yours. Planning for the year ahead is already underway, and your continued support helps us stay focused, responsive, and ready for what's next.

In gratitude,



Lisa Romine, CEO

Board Member Spotlight



"I appreciate the thoughtful conversations we have as a board and the real impact SkillSource makes in our communities, especially with job opportunities. With my union background, I'm glad to bring that perspective to the table and help connect people to the skills and support they need to move forward."

Augustine Gallegos

Teamsters Local Union 760

Board Member Spotlight

Augustine Gallegos has served on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board for five years, bringing valuable insight from his long career in labor and workforce advocacy. Augustine spent 26 years at JR Simplot/NORPAC before transitioning to his current role with Teamsters Local Union 760, where he's worked for the past six years. His deep understanding of union labor and commitment to worker rights helps strengthen connections between workforce training and real-world employment opportunities.

We're grateful for Augustine's support and his dedication to advancing quality jobs across our region!

Meeting Reminders

Please mark your calendar to attend the next committee meeting in your area. Lunch will be provided.

Okanogan Committee – June 9, 12 pm
Grant/Adams Committee - June 10, 12 pm
Chelan/Douglas Committee - June 11, 12 pm

Opportunities to Engage

OPPORTUNITY: Share an upcoming SkillSource event or opportunity in your sub-area. Click links for details:

- **May 12 - September 22:** [Moses Lake Entrepreneurial Workshop Series](#) - This free Entrepreneurial Workshop Series is designed to take new business leaders through all the aspects of starting, running, and growing a successful business in and around **Moses Lake**. Hosted by the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with SkillSource, the Small Business Development Center of Washington, and in thanks to funding through the WA State Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Project.

OPPORTUNITY: Consider attending a Workforce Collaboration Summit to learn more about partnerships and offerings throughout our local workforce systems.

- August 1: Grant-Adams at Big Bend Community College - [Register Here](#)

🗨 [Read the recap of the Summits held in Wenatchee and Okanogan.](#)



photo by SkillSource Communications Intern, Jazmin Mendoza

Celebrating Success

It's graduation time! Join us in celebrating the achievements of our learning center students. *You do not need to RSVP to attend a graduation.*

GRANT-ADAMS - June 6, 7:00 pm, Othello High School

OKANOGAN - June 9, 6:00 pm, Dawson Gym Okanogan High School

CHELAN-DOUGLAS - June 12, 7:00 pm, Wenatchee First Assembly of God



All Aboard!

Wenatchee and Moses Lake hosted van tours for agency partners this spring. These tours are an immersive and engaging way to learn more about services offered in our communities, and to make real human connections so that we can all better serve individuals and families.

[See video highlights](#) of these recent tours on our Workforce Colloboration Resource website. And consider hopping onboard a van tour in your area to become better acquainted with our partners in workforce development and community support. If you would like to receive a personal invitation to the next van tour (dates TBD), please [let Kelli know](#).



Rapid Response

When layoffs hit, [Rapid Response](#) steps in quietly, quickly, and with coordinated support.

In recent months, partners across Grant and Adams counties have helped hundreds of workers navigate next steps after job loss—connecting them with training, job leads, and critical services. “As part of the Grant-Adams One-Stop team, our experience with Rapid Response activities has been highly effective in supporting both employers and displaced workers during transitions,” says Career and Training Specialist, Marisa Cairns.

If you are aware of any upcoming business closures or layoffs in your community, [please let us know](#).

See Our Centers

Our website has slowly been getting a refresher, and now includes an updated [Find a Center page](#) with new photos, contact information, and links to short video tours of each center in Wenatchee, Moses Lake, and Othello.



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