

# IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 19, August 2025

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

I hope you all are enjoying the warm summer months and are taking some time to recreate! We've been working to close out a stellar year and jumping straight into the next with many exciting endeavors on the horizon. See below for some of news, and dates to pencil in. Highlights include a new conversation series, year-end performance outcomes, notifications of new funding, and upcoming September committee and board meetings.

If something's got you energized in *your* work right now, or SkillSource has come up in your conversations lately, I'd love to hear it. Just reply to this email.

As always, thank you for your continued time, energy, and leadership.

Lisa Romine, CEO

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### Coming Soon: *Common Thread*

This fall, we're launching *Common Thread*—a new conversation series from SkillSource featuring the people shaping workforce in North Central Washington: board members, community partners, frontline leaders, and the occasional program participant.

Hosted by Communications Manager Kelli Martinelli, each 30–40 minute Zoom conversation will explore how our guests found their

way into this work, what they've learned along the way, and what keeps them going.

It's about connection, context, and the common threads that link our efforts across the region.



First conversation will happen in October



September's newsletter will reveal our first guest



Want to join the conversation—or recommend someone? [Email Kelli.](#)



## Funding Update

SkillSource is expanding our reach! Supporting justice-involved individuals with training, employment, and wraparound services in Chelan County.

### RESET (Reentry, Skills, Employment & Training)

SkillSource, in partnership with South Central Workforce, received a \$4M *Pathway Home* grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to launch the RESET Program—Reentry, Skills, Employment & Training. This initiative will support 400 justice-involved individuals in Yakima and Chelan Counties with training, credentials, and wraparound services to reduce recidivism and help people transition into long-term employment.

We will be issuing a press release shortly. **Please turn on notifications for SkillSource posts on LinkedIn** so that you can engage and share the news.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

**Okanogon Committee** – September 8, 12 pm

**Grant/Adams Committee** - September 9, 12 pm

SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## NAWB Forum

March 23 - 26, 2026

NAWB's annual workforce conference is heading to Las Vegas in 2026. [Watch this short video](#) to get a glimpse of what to expect. It would be great to have board members attend to connect with peers from across the country and see the broader impact of workforce boards in action.



### Café y Conexión / Business is Brewing

Help us spread the word! Café y Conexión brings free resources and local connections to small businesses. Next stop: **Quincy Public Library on 8/18 at 10am.**

Please share with employers in your network as we expand this effort.

FREE REGISTRATION



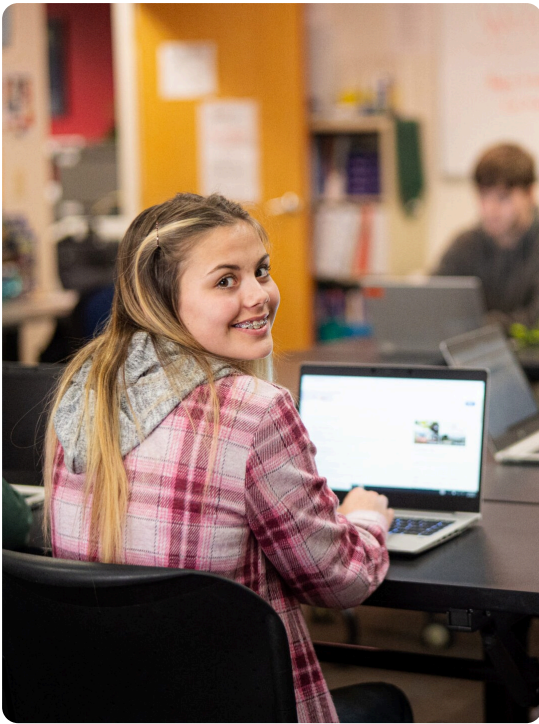
### WorkSource Central Basin Fall Hiring Event

Help us connect local employers to talent! The WorkSource Central Basin **Fall Hiring Event is on 10/3 in Moses Lake, from 10 am until 2 pm.**

Please share the employer registration link with businesses in your network. Registration closes on 9/26.

## Your Outreach Toolkit

Looking for a simple way to support SkillSource this month? These fresh, ready-to-share resources make it easy to connect others to services and opportunities. Here's what's new:



### New! Youth Services page

**Use it when:** You know a young person who's disconnected from school or work—or a parent, teacher, or community member who supports them.

**Say something like:**

*"If you know a young person who's struggling to finish school or find a job, SkillSource can help. The new Youth Services page is a great place to start—it has everything they need to learn what's available and take the next step."*

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)



## See Our Centers - Videos

**Use it when:** Someone you're talking to is unsure what SkillSource and partners offer, or what they can expect when they walk in.

**Say something like:**

*"Not sure what goes on inside a SkillSource Center? These quick videos show the space and introduce some of the friendly faces you'll meet."*

[WATCH VIDEOS](#)

Find more outreach materials on our website at [skillsource.org/outreach-materials](https://skillsource.org/outreach-materials). And if you ever need something specific and can't find it (maybe it doesn't exist yet!) just reach out to your friendly neighborhood [Communications Manager](#). 😊

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