

IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Here comes the sun! Our quarterly board meetings will now be held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM over Zoom.

Please see below for news and opportunities throughout our region. Your leadership is an essential part of the impact, and I truly thank you for all the ways you contribute and support this work.

In gratitude,



Lisa Romine, CEO

Upcoming Meetings

The votes are in. Going forward, until further notice, our board meetings will be held over Zoom quarterly on Tuesdays, **from 4 - 5:30 PM.**

Thank you all for taking the time to weigh in so that we can have as many board members present as possible.

SubCommittee Meetings

June 9, 12 PM - Grant/Adams at WorkSource Central Basin
June 10, 12 PM - Chelan/Douglas at SkillSource Wenatchee
June 11, 12 PM - Okanogan at WorkSource Okanogan

Community Reinvestment Partner Summit

On July 21, representatives from the Washington State Department of Commerce and ESD will visit SkillSource to see the impact of the Community Reinvestment Program (CRP) firsthand. We are hosting a Partner Summit to bring together the career seekers, business owners, and community partners whose collaboration makes these local investments successful. It is a valuable opportunity to hear directly about how these resources are fueling growth across our region.

We will meet in person at SkillSource in Wenatchee. And there will also be a virtual option for the Partner Summit. If you are available, we would love to have you join us!

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Omak business owner, Yazir Nieto, used an investment grant to pay for essential equipment, a new water filtration system, and to fund a barista training program. Now Yazir

is looking at the shop as a future training ground for local youth, using his business to seed new career opportunities in Okanogan County. [See more here.](#)

Tune in: Common Thread, May 15



COMMON THREAD

Stories and perspectives that connect our regional workforce system.

Randy Curry
IBEU #191

Augustine Gallegos
Teamsters 760

Nate Mack
LiUNA 348

Friday May 15, 2026
11 - 11:45 AM

[Zoom Link → skillsource.org/events](https://skillsource.org/events)

Common Thread: May Conversation

Friday, May 15, 2026 | 11:00–11:45 AM

Featuring Randy Curry, Augustine Gallegos, and Nate Mack

Please join us for our third Common Thread conversation on May 15 with voices from Labor: **Randy**, **Augustine**, and **Nate**.

The Zoom link is available on the SkillSource calendar:

skillsource.org/events

UP NEXT ... Common Thread will take a break for summer and return in September 2026. Interested in being a guest? [Please email Kelli.](#)

Addressing Childcare

SkillSource is partnering with OIC and the Department of Commerce to lead a Childcare Partnership Grant (CCPG) across Grant and Adams Counties. Following months of community engagement, we have developed a draft Youth-to-Early Childhood Education Mobilization Plan. Our findings reveal a strong interest among local youth in the field, but reveal that transportation and certification costs remain significant barriers. The final plan will provide a roadmap for paid internships and workforce navigation to expand childcare access in our rural communities.



This former SkillSource participant, Sarai, now works as a childcare provider.



Read & Share:

Teacher Appreciation

We share these stories to elevate education as a vital cornerstone of our workforce ecosystem.

Please [share this post](#) to help us celebrate the dedicated professionals who show up daily to plant the seeds of a possible future.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Okanogan Graduation: June 8, 6 PM at Okanogan High School

Moses Lake Graduation: June 10, 7 PM at Lions Field

Wenatchee Graduation: June 11, 6 PM at Wenatchee First Assembly of God

Othello Graduation: June 11, 7 PM at Huskie Stadium

BBCC Nursing Ceremony: June 18, 10:30 AM at Mantooth Amphitheatre

BBCC Graduation Ceremony: June 18, 5:30 PM at Lions Field

WVC Nursing Ceremony: June 18, 1 PM at Wenatchee High School

WVC Graduation Ceremony: June 18, 7 PM at Town Toyota Center



Photo from last year's BBCC Nursing Pinning Ceremony.



Running Board Member ...

Thank you to Todd Wurl for joining Team SkillSource in the recent TedDriven Wenatchee Marathon, a fundraiser for cancer research.

The better we know our board members, the better we can align opportunities to show up in the community together.



Wenatchee Location Update

Later this summer our partners at Employment Security will be relocating from their current space in East Wenatchee to the SkillSource office buildings in Wenatchee. More to come!

Thank you for engaging with this month's issue of In The Loop! Want to peek at past issues? You can find them and more on the [Board page of the website](#). If there is anything you need please reply to this email, or [reach out to Kelli](#) or Lisa at any time.

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