

# IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS &amp; COMMISSIONERS

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 29, June 2026

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Thank you for all the ways you show up, share your insights, and help shape possibilities into pathways. There are a few updates and action items below, and I'm looking forward to connecting with you in our upcoming meetings.

Wishing you a happy summer!

In gratitude,



Lisa Romine, CEO

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## Committee & Board Meetings

June 5, 10 AM - Executive Committee, Zoom

June 8, 12 PM - Okanogan at WorkSource Okanogan

June 9, 12 PM - Grant/Adams at WorkSource Central Basin

June 10, 12 PM - Chelan/Douglas at SkillSource Wenatchee

-- NEW TIME --

**June 23, 4 PM - 5:30 PM - Board Meeting, Zoom**

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## WWA Summit in Spokane

**Join us in Spokane this November 3-5 for the annual Washington Workforce Association (WWA) Summit.**

Registration is open and breakout session proposals are being accepted for this year's Summit at Spokane's Davenport Grand Hotel. Sessions will include aligning workforce, education, and economic development, along with expanding apprenticeship for the modern economy.

Lisa will provide additional details at the June 23rd board meeting. Please consider attending the Summit with us in Spokane!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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## ICYMI: Common Thread, May 15



## Common Thread: Built from the Ground Up

Thank you to Nate Mack and Randy Curry for joining our third Common Thread conversation last month! They shared how they built their careers from the ground up, what a morning on a job site actually feels like, and how the trades shape Central Washington more than people may realize.

It was wonderful to see so many other board members who zoomed in to listen and support. If you missed the live discussion, you can watch the [Common Thread Conversation Video](#) for their insights on regional data centers, how the younger generation is shifting perspectives on work-life balance, and what it takes to remove barriers to local apprenticeships.

**UP NEXT** ... Common Thread will return on Friday, September 18th with guests Ryan Beebout and Anthony Popelier.

[Listen or Watch Here](#)

# Workforce Advocacy: Organizational Sign-On

Congress is currently setting the budget for the FY 2027 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, which directly impacts funding for public health, education, and workforce development systems. A national organizational sign-on letter is circulating to urge congressional leaders to protect and strengthen these vital community investments.

If your role and organization permit public policy advocacy, you can review the text and add your support via the [Action Network Sign-On Page](#).

SIGN-ON HERE

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## Free AI Training

Please share these free, self-paced AI literacy courses with your workforce staff, customers, and regional partners. Developed through a national partnership between NAWB and Microsoft, these beginner-friendly modules offer official completion certificates aligned with the U.S. Department of Labor's AI Framework.

- **AI for Job Seekers:** Covers resumes, interview prep, and career exploration.
- **AI for Career Coaches:** Helps frontline staff streamline coaching tasks and workflows.
- **AI for Agency Administrators:** Focuses on operational efficiency and responsible AI use.

 **Note:** These free LinkedIn Learning links look like a single introductory video at first glance. **Click the "Contents" button** in the top-left corner of the webpage to reveal the full ~30-minute training chapters.

## AI Skills for Workforce

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) and Microsoft Elevate are working together to build AI skills across the workforce.

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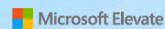
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## Support for Youth Workforce

As national workforce leaders advocate to protect Job Corps' unique role in providing residential training, wraparound supports, and pathways for disconnected youth, SkillSource is demonstrating that impact locally. Students from across the region recently explored a wide array of hands-on trades at the Grand County Energy Career Fair and Central Basin Job Corps Open House, turning curiosity about vital community functions into tangible career paths.

Read & Share

# 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

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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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