

IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

"The new normal" is a common phrase these days. From the impacts of wildfires to navigating AI and the information revolution, it touches all our lives and affects our communities from the ground up. Thank you for your ongoing insight and contributions, so that no matter what "new normals" emerge, our workforce development system is ready.

In gratitude,



Lisa Romine, CEO

Upcoming Meetings

One Stop Certification Site Visits - Invitations and email reminders have been sent to the confirmed certification teams in each area.

If you're not currently on a team, it's not too late. You are welcome to join us at the time and locations listed.

August 19, 1 - 3 PM - WorkSource Okanogan

August 20, 1 - 3 PM - WorkSource Central Basin

August 21, 10 AM - 12 PM - WorkSource Wenatchee at SkillSource

Our next board and committee meetings:

September 14, 12 PM - Okanogan

September 15, 12 PM - Grant/Adams
September 16, 12 PM - Chelan/Douglas

September 29, 4 PM - 5:30 PM - Board Meeting, Zoom



All Together Now

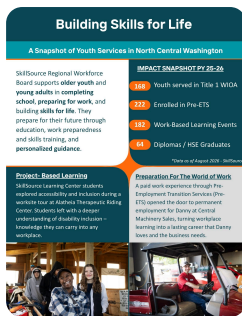
Employment Security Dept. Moves In

SkillSource is delighted to welcome our friends and WorkSource partners from the Employment Security Department to the SkillSource buildings at 234 and 240 N. Mission in Wenatchee.

Customers will now be able to access resources and services from our respective agencies in one convenient location.

There will be an Open House on Thursday, September 17 from 4 - 6 PM. All are welcome to attend!

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Statewide System Recognition

(aka Show & Tell)

Lisa will present at the State Workforce board this month highlighting our approach to serving business and engaging industry through work-based training models. Of all local areas, SkillSource maintains the largest share of the State's OJT and Incumbent Worker Training enrollments -- they'd like to learn how we do it. Susan and Lisa have also been invited to present at the WA State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC) focusing on the impact of braiding funds to serve youth, including WIOA Title I, Basic ED (Open Doors) and Pre-Employment Transition Services.

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Sharing the Results

Department of Commerce Visits SkillSource

SkillSource was the 9th visit on a statewide tour from the WA State Department of Commerce. We convened with partners, participants, businesses, and staff to share the receipts of how Community Reinvestment is returning impactful results throughout our region. [Please read the recap of the visit](#), and share with your networks to help get the word out: *Community reinvestment keeps Washington growing!*

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WWA Workforce Summit in Spokane

Join us in Spokane this November 3-5 for the annual Washington Workforce Association (WWA) Summit. [Learn more here.](#)

This year's Summit will be at Spokane's Davenport Grand Hotel. Sessions will include aligning workforce, education, and economic development, along with expanding apprenticeship for the modern

economy. If you would like to attend the Summit, please reach out to Lisa and we'll take care of your registration.

VISIT SUMMIT WEBSITE



COMMONTHREAD

Stories and perspectives that connect our regional workforce system.

Ryan Beebout
Sabey Data Centers

Anthony Popelier
Oroville Reman/Reload

Friday Sept. 18, 2026
11 - 11:45 AM

September 18, 2026

Common Thread

With Ryan and Anthony

Board members have been sent a calendar invite to join our 4th Common Thread conversation, live with Ryan Beebout and Anthony Popelier on September 18, 11 - 11:45 AM over Zoom.

We're looking forward to it!

See Past Conversations



Board Retreat: March 2027

We'll be sharing out the plan soon for our bi-annual Board Member Retreat. Many of you chimed in with a location preference, so we're setting our sights to Leavenworth! Save the date for two days and one overnight this coming March. Details to come.

[See Photos from the 2025 Retreat](#)

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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