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#### **Upcoming events:**

- October 12: Legends Casino Hiring Event, 10 am-4 pm at WorkSource Yakima
- October 18: RISE Job Training Resource Fair, 10 am-12 pm at OIC Gymnasium
- October 20: CWU Career Fair, 10 am-2 pm at Central Washington University
- October 20: Employer Engagement Network Meeting, 10 am-12 pm at the South Central Workforce Council
- October 26: Yakima Herald Hiring Event, 10 am-1 pm at WorkSource Yakima
- October 27: Yakima School District Hiring Event, 9 am-1 pm at WorkSource Yakima
- November 2: Arvato Hiring Event, 9 am-3 pm at WorkSource Yakima
- November 3: Mt. Hood Hiring Event, 10 am-2pm at WorkSource White Salmon

*\*Applicants attending hiring events should come dressed to interview with copies of resumes in hand.*

# South Central Workforce Council

Employer Engagement Network Newsletter

October 5th, 2016

## Youth Employer Engagement Summit



Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, YouthWorks, and the National Governors Association's Learning Lab, the South Central Workforce Council will be hosting a Youth Employer Engagement Summit to

be held Spring of 2017. This event will be a catalyst for deepening relationships between employers, employment and training programs, WorkSource, educational institutions, and youth. The goal of the event will be to increase awareness of the importance of career pathways that lead to long-term success for youth as well as growing the number of employers providing work-based learning opportunities and investing in the future of our communities. The employer focus will be in key industry sectors and STEM fields. If you would like to be involved in the Planning Committee for the event, please contact Melanie Willis – [melanie.willis@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:melanie.willis@co.yakima.wa.us) ; 509-574-1950.

## Legends Casino Hiring Event

Yakama Legends Casino is recruiting 100 full and part time workers for their new hotel and expanded casino in Toppenish, WA. WorkSource Yakima will host a special hiring event Wednesday, October 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in their new office at 1205 Ahtanum Ridge Drive, Union Gap, WA. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or G.E.D., speak and understand English, have strong customer service skills, and be able to pass a pre-employment background check and drug screen including use of marijuana. Job seekers are asked to come dressed to interview with resume in hand. Hiring managers will be on site to conduct immediate interviews.

## Kmart Closure

The Kmart store at 2304 E. Nob Hill Blvd. will be closing its doors for good in mid-December, impacting over 60 employees. The South Central Workforce Council's Rapid Response Team will be hosting a re-employment orientation for Kmart's employees in early November. The re-employment orientation will cover topics such as WorkSource services, Dislocated Worker services, and Unemployment Insurance Benefits.



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### **Network Members**

- ◆ South Central Workforce Council
- ◆ WorkSource/Employment Security Department
- ◆ Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Department of Social and Health Services
- ◆ Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- ◆ Yakima Valley College
- ◆ People for People
- ◆ OIC of Washington
- ◆ Northwest Community Action Center
- ◆ Fort Simcoe Job Corps
- ◆ New Vision
- ◆ Skamania County Economic Development
- ◆ Klickitat County Economic Development

## **Other Employer Engagement Activities**

### **RISE Job Training Resource Fair**

The RISE Program (Resources to Initiate Successful Employment) is hosting a Job Training Resource Fair on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at OIC of Washington's Gymnasium (1207 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, WA). Job seekers can explore job training opportunities, community resources, and enjoy refreshments and a raffle.

### **Olympia Economic Symposium**

The Labor Market and Performance Analysis Division of the Washington State Employment Security Department are putting on the 2016 Olympia Economic Symposium on Thursday, October 27. This half-day event will focus on economic and employment trends in the state and local economies. It's designed for researchers, economists, policymakers, education professionals, workforce development experts, employers and those who use high-level data to make informed decisions. This free event will take place at Labor and Industries' central office at 7273 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501 from 1-4:30pm. Contact Ann Leal, Registration Coordinator, for more information: [Aleal@esd.wa.gov](mailto:Aleal@esd.wa.gov) ; 360-407-4541.

**Next Meeting:** Our next Employer Engagement Network Meeting will be on Thursday, October 20th at 10 a.m. at the South Central Workforce Council. Please inform Justin Merrell if you cannot attend.

**Attendance Reminder:** Our Partnership Agreement stipulates that all network members attend a minimum of 50% monthly Employer Engagement Network Meetings. Members can send a proxy or be accommodated via conference call if they're unable to attend.

### **Important events, announcements, and ideas**

If you have any important events or announcements you would like included in next month's newsletter, please contact Justin Merrell ([justin.merrell@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:justin.merrell@co.yakima.wa.us) / 509-574-1950).

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