

Heartland Workforce Solutions AJC Partner Meeting

June 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Alejandra Sinecio, National Able Network
Amy Prochaska, US Probation and Pretrial
Ann Kolbet, Equus
Betty McKernan, National Able Network
Candice Williams, NE Early Childhood
Carol Tucker, LFS
Christine Trosper, Project Reset
Colleen Plasek, Ponca Tribe on NE
Darla Berger, DHHS
Dawn Coffey, Metro Community College
Derek Comba, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Diana Bueno, Proteus
Erin Porterfield, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Gloria Harwell, Metro Comm College
Jasmin Cabrera, HWS
Kat Connelly, HWS
Kelly Adams, COIFS
LaWanda Gould, Urban League of NE

Lyndsie Gibbs, Metro Comm College
Mado Juarez, Lutheran Family Services
Marcia Prideaux, Autism Action Partnership
Michelle Pfortmiller, Douglas Co Problem Solving Court
Omar Valentine, WIOA Youth
Nicole Lewis, HWS/Seventy Five North
Shafiq Seddiqi, Lutheran Family Services
Sher Jan Ahmadzai, UNO
Savannah High, National Able Network
Shayla Dailey, Job Corps
Sharon Robino-West, VA
Stan Odenthal, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Stephanie O'Brien, AmericaWorks
Timothy Jefferson, NDOL
Vanetta Early, Urban League of Nebraska

Notes

One Stop Update

We will be meeting HYBRID next month, so those who want to can come in person to HWS and meet in the big conference room, otherwise those who'd like to join virtually can use the same Zoom link.

Follow us on Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn @heartland_workforce

Job Leads Text Messages: Sign up job seekers or yourself to learn about featured job openings and upcoming hiring events. [Click this link to register!](#)

Upcoming Events:

- Resume Workshops – Wednesdays 1-4PM Walk Ins welcome
- World Refugee Day June 18 1-5 at Levi Carter Park
- Equity Scorecard public meeting – July 7 – MAPA and Heartland 2050
- World Speaks – Virtual ESL Course Launch – July 5 at 6:00
 - 10 Students, 10 Weeks
 - Any native language spoken is welcome to participate we do have some exercises that relate to Spanish speakers but we are open.
 - As far as the level goes likely those who are at more of a beginner's level. Though we haven't had any sign ups yet so if we end up getting folks who have more skill we will adjust the class.



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- Jobapalooza Debrief – June 21 @ 1 | Virtual
 - Email Savannah if you'd like to join
- July 20th 1PM - Statewide Cross Training – What is WIOA and what does it mean to be a partner in this system?

Business Services Team

Upcoming Employer Spotlights – [Flyer of all upcoming employer spotlights](#)

- June 27 Release, Inc
- July 11, Children's hospital
- July 18 Allied Universal
- June 28 and 29 – USDA Hiring Event – Food Inspectors 8am-3pm - [Flyer](#)

Better Business Workshops

Every third Thursday at 1pm

July 21 – Hiring and Recruiting Justice-involved Employees

Job Fair at Seventy Five North

July 26 4-6PM

Hoping for 15-20 Employers

Email Stan Odenthal to get involved! (sodenthal@hws-ne.org)

Business can [register for services here](#)

Referral and Co-Enrollment Task Force

Join us for the Launch of this task force on June 24 at 2:00pm via Zoom (email shigh@nationalable.org for link)

This task force is created to work collaboratively across partners to increase efficiency of referrals and co-enrollments

Partner Updates

America Works

Onsite Monday - Thurs 9-5, Virtual Fridays

New staff member in August

CRED – Derek Comba | dcomba@hws-ne.org

[Application Link](#) for 2022

Offers funding for short-term certifications up to \$1000 per calendar year



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Can pay for 2 weeks of Uber/Lyft credits, DACA renewals, uniforms, and certifications including but not limited to forklift, CMA, First Aid, OSHA, etc.

COIFS – Kelly Adams | kellya@coifs.org

One of the Ticket to Work programs in NE

Expanding to western, NE

[Employment Guru](#)- Resource website

Breakdown of Food Service industry and social work industry

DESI (Starting as Dynamic Workforce Services July 1st) Omar Valentine | ovalentine@hws-ne.org

- Onboarding 2 staff

Job openings: https://dwfs.applicantpro.com/jobsearch/?job_board_classification=Nebraska

focus on 19-24 year olds

Successful Siembra Nebraska start

Shut down 42nd & Center office, now solely located at HWS

Equus – Ann Kolbet | ann.kolbet@equusworks.com

[Business Services Opening](#)

[Case Manager opening](#)

JobCorps – Shayla Dailey | dailey.shayla@jobcorps.org

New Staff Shawne Holland – Admissions Counselor housed at HWS

LFS – Mado Juarez | mjuarez@lfsneb.org

New supervisor in Lincoln starting soon

[2 open positions Case manager](#)

[2 employment specialists positions in Omaha](#)

about 50 clients looking for jobs at this moment including those in Council Bluffs

MCC – Gloria Harwell | gdharwell@mccneb.edu

[Information sessions for GAP Training](#) - mostly in person, can be virtual

[non Credit Adult Ed](#) - Main location at South Express

(531) 622-4060 - Adult Ed Student Services

GED /ESL classes all over town including Fort, Metro South Campus, South Express and North Express

North Star Digital Literacy (@downtown Express)

free

walk-in or pre-registration

Microsoft Suit, password, Mac vs. PC



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National Able (WIOA Title I Adult/Dislocated Worker) – Alejandra Sinecio | asinecio@nationalable.org
Fully Staffed - new Program Manager starting later this month
Tuesdays in person orientation at 1pm
Application Assistance following
Thursday at 10am – Virtual Orientation
Continue to look for dislocated workers and Displaced Homemakers
Shortened Application

NCBVI – nancy.flearl@nebraska.gov
3 Volunteers at jobapalooza – was successful event, hoped for more job seekers
Hiring 2 positions - need bachelors – Orientation Counselor and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
Summer is very busy: 6 week employment program, 1 week camp for youth
Will be doing outreach at World Refugee Day
[July 1-8 Conference / Exhibit](#)
85-90% most clients have multiple disabilities

NDOL – Timothy Jefferson | timothy.jefferson@nebraska.gov
Tim is new Regional Manager at NDOL
Actively hiring [Reemployment Coordinator](#) & [Veterans outreach](#)
Email stays the same from previous position – timothy.jefferson@nebraska.gov
Really focus on collaborating w/ partners

Proteus - Diana Bueno stepped in for Jennifer Lewis - dianab@proteusinc.net | jenniferl@proteus.net
Actively recruiting those who have been farmworkers

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska – Colleen Placek – cplasek@poncatrib-ne.org
[Hiring for a new position in Lincoln](#)

[Urban League of Nebraska](#) – LaWanda Gould | lawanda.gould@urbanleagueneb.org
Next Career Boot Camp June 27 – typically has 6-20 students – still virtual
[Summer Credit recovery program](#) for 9-12 Graders who need to recover class credit
[Summer STEAM Academy – Grades 7-12](#)
ACT prep in June - next- 21,23,28,29,30
Now Lawanda and Vanetta are Financial coaches- can now teach Financial Literacy
Wayne Brown new CEO
Dawn- Everyone should get on LaWanda's email list



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Networking

Savannah - Social Media- Excited to see how we can use digital presence to attract a younger crowd

Jasmin – Follow us on Tik Tok

Carol - Interviews should be called opportunity conversation

Ann- How to do Tik-Tok - need approvals?

Jasmin- we will be experimenting, but really there are not limitations or rules

Carol - Do I need to create an account to see them

Carol - Can Equus and LFS case managers work together closely with shared clients

Ann – Yes let's discuss this further

