

# Learning collaborative #5

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Welcome

- This is the 5<sup>th</sup> monthly Learning Collaborative, a place for all who have attended our trainings to participate and engage with their peers and the PHSKC CHW training team
- If you would like Spanish translation please enter your name/phone # in that chat box

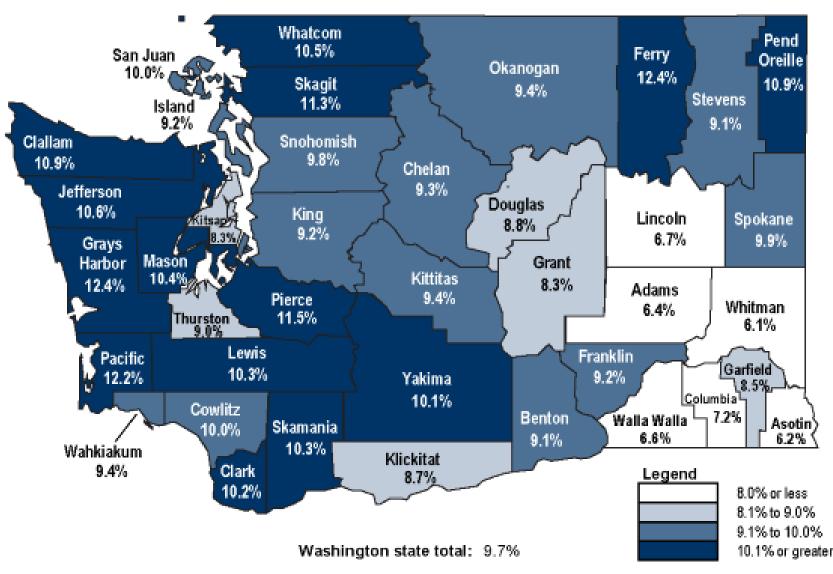
# Welcome!

### <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Introductions
  - PHSKC Team
  - ► King County CHWs & Supervisors
  - Southwest WA CHWs & Supervisors
- 2. Unemployment Impact during COVID19
- 3. Break Out Room Session



### June 2020 County unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted



https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/monthly-employment-report

### **Regular Unemployment**

Regular weekly unemployment benefits provide you with temporary income when you lose your job through no fault of your own. The money partly replaces your lost earnings and helps you pay expenses while looking for new work.

# Federal CARES Act: Expanded unemployment benefits programs:

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Separate benefit program to cover many people who do not qualify for regular unemployment, including:

- Self-employed people
- Indepenent contractors
- Part-time workers (with fewer than 680 hours)
- Available Feb. 2 Dec.
  26, 2020

CARES Act Frequently Asked Questions

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

Extension of regular unemployment benefits of up to 13 weeks.

Available March 29 - Dec. 26, 2020. (Total of 39 weeks of benefits.) Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

Extra \$600 per week from March 29 - July 25, 2020.

Available for everyone on regular unemployment or PUA, except those on training benefits.

## Discussion

What questions (if any) do you ask clients about unemployment and what referrals do you make?

What are some top concerns and resource requests are coming up for clients at this time?

## Resources

### Healthier Here's Website

### https://www.healthierhere.org/covid/

#### Financial & Employment Support

Amazon Relief Fund for Delivery Drivers & Temp Staff	Grants for financial assistance to support independent delivery drivers and seasonal (contract) employees impacted by COVID-19	Amazon
Free Help With Job and Unemployment Questions	Form to request assistance: basic technology skills, getting started with unemployment, help you learn new skills or apply for a job	Seattle Public Library
Applying for State Unemployment	Info on Rules related to Covid-19, Worker Q & A	Washington State Employment Security
Unemployment Info for workers affected by COVID-19	Info on state unemployment programs, including the impact of federal stimulus. Includes worker FAQ	Washington State Employment Security Department
Unemployment Application Checklist pdf	Checklist to determine elibility before applying	Washington State Employment Security
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# Unemployment benefits application checklist.

You may be eligible for unemployment benefits if you are unable to work due to COVID-19.

#### Some scenarios include:

Your employer temporarily closes the business to comply with state guidelines.

You are temporarily laid off or your hours are reduced due to business slowdown or lack of demand.

For more on specific scenarios related to COVID-19 that may impact your eligibility for unemployment benefits, please visit esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19.

#### Basic eligibility criteria for unemployment benefits:

You must have worked at least 680 hours in your base year, and you must have earned at least some of your wages in Washington state.

Your base year is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before the week in which you file your claim.

#### For example:

- If you file your claim in March 2020, your base year is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.
- If you file your claim in April, May or June 2020, your base year is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Find more on eligibility criteria for unemployment benefits at <u>esd.wa.gov/unemployment/</u> If you think you are eligible, use this checklist, gather your information and get ready to apply.

#### Before you apply:

Gather the information you'll need to complete the application:

Your name, Social Security number, birthdate and contact information.

Your complete work history for the past 18 months including:

- employer name(s)
- address(es)
- phone number(s)
- start and end dates of employment for each employer

Your bank account and routing number, if you want to sign up for direct deposit.

If you normally get your work through a union, had more than 16 employers in your base year, or were in the military during the last 18 months, you may need to provide additional information. Find more at <u>esd.</u> <u>wa.gov/unemployment/have-this-information-ready</u>.

#### How to apply:

You can apply online or by phone. However, call volumes are high right now and applying online will be faster.

Setting up an account to apply online works best on a laptop or desktop computer; You can use a phone or tablet, but this service is not optimized for mobile and may be difficult to navigate.

Like most Washington state agencies, Employment Security Department uses SecureAccess Washington (SAW) to manage access to customer accounts. If you do not already have a SAW account, you'll need to create one. If you do, you can use that same username and password to access eServices.

### **Education and Employment Resources**

Adult Services Division



Providing equitable opportunities to prepare for and obtain great jobs.

We have a variety of programs and services available for different individual situations, including job skills training, vocational education, GED attainment and job placement.

Education and Employment Resources also has a critical role in developing economic and workforce opportunities in our local region. We play a leadership role in the Seattle-King County WorkSource System and are a significant partner in King County's Communities of Opportunity Initiative.

Some services include:

- Job fairs, employment workshops and other employment resources for all job seekers
- Tailored employment services for job seekers experiencing difficulty accessing the job market
- Business services for employers available through the WorkSource System

#### For More Information

King County Jobs Initiative: **Stephanie Moyes** EER Adult Employment Manager

206-263-9064 Stephanie.Moyes@kingcounty.gov

Communities of Opportunities: **Dan Bernard** *COO Employment Manager* 206-477-7005 dan.bernard@kingcounty.gov

#### Additional Resources

For low-income or recently involved in the criminal justice system

For people experiencing homelessness or veterans

& Employment for people with disabilities

**&** Employment services at the King County Veterans Program

**%** King County Behavioral Health Supported Employment Network

**%** School-to-Work Program for young adults with developmental disabilities

## <u>https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/community-services/adult-services.aspx</u>

# Resources- 2 page document (attached)

#### \*SOME FREE EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES in King County

WorkSource Seattle-King County www.worksourceskc.org

Most sites physically closed, but many are offering remote and virtual services

- Operations updates for all WorkSource Centers, WorkSource Affiliate Sites, and WorkSource Connection Sites in King County <u>www.worksourceskc.org/covid19-operations-update</u>
- WorkSource WA Virtual Job Seeker Workshop Calendar
  <u>https://www.worksourcewa.com/microsite/Content.aspx?appid=WAWORKSHOPS&pagetype=simple&seo=virtual</u>

#### WorkSource Seattle-King County WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker Program providers

- Asian Counseling & Referral Service (ACRS) <u>https://acrs.org/services/employment-and-training-services</u> in partnership with:
  - Partner In Employment (PIE) <u>www.partnerinemployment.org</u>
- Neighborhood House <u>www.nhwa.org</u>
- TRAC Associates <u>www.tracassoc.com</u> in partnership with:
  - o Africatown www.africatownseattle.com
  - o Pioneer Human Services www.pioneerhumanservices.org/job-skills
  - National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) <u>www.napca.org/programs</u>
  - Entre Hermanos <u>www.entrehermanos.org</u>
- Pacific Associates <u>www.pacassoc.com</u> in partnership with:
  - Alliance of People with DisAbilities <u>www.disabilitypride.org</u>
- YWCA <u>www.ywcaworks.org/economic-advancement</u> in partnership with:
  - o International Rescue Committee <u>www.rescue.org/united-states/seattle-wa</u>
  - Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle <u>www.urbanleague.org</u>

#### Other King County Adult Employment Resources

- King County Jobs Initiative/Basic Food Employment Training program

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Free Tech Jobs Training programs - Non-Profit Organizations

- Ada Developers Academy <u>www.adadevelopersacademy.org</u> Coding bootcamp offering women and gender diverse people training in Software/Web/Mobile App Development
  - 11 months (6 month class/5 month internship), Full-Time M-F 9am-5pm
- Apprenti <u>www.apprenticareers.org</u> Offers diverse, underrepresented populations training & apprenticeships in: Web/Software Development; Network Security; Windows or Linux Systems Administration; IT Tech Support or Cloud Tech Support
  - o 10 months (4 month class/6 month paid apprenticeship), Full-time M-F 9am-5pm
- Year Up Puget Sound <u>www.yearup.org</u> Offering low-income, young adults (18-24 years old) job training & internships in: Software/Web Development; Software Quality Assurance; Network Support
  - o 12 months (6 month class & 6 month internship), Full-Time M-F 9am-5pm
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle InfoTech program <u>www.urbanleague.org/info-tech</u> -Offering long-term unemployed adults job training to become certified in Cloud Computing via the Amazon Web Services (AWS) platform
  - o 6 weeks, Full-Time M-F 10am-2pm

<u>Tech Jobs Training programs - Community & Technical Colleges</u> (costs depend on program and eligibility for available reduced or free tuition)

- Bellevue College Institute for Business & Information Technology
  www.bellevuecollege.edu/ibit
- Green River College Information Technology programs <u>www.greenriver.edu/it</u>
- Highline College Computer Science programs <a href="https://cis.highline.edu">https://cis.highline.edu</a>
- North Seattle College IT programs <u>https://resources.northseattle.edu/information-technology</u>
- Renton Technical College IT programs <u>www.rtc.edu/information-technology</u>
- Seattle Central College IT programs <u>https://it.seattlecentral.edu/</u>

# Thank you!