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Driving the national workforce agenda and providing value-added member services

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Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

May 9-10
Communications Workgroup
Denver, CO

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REGISTER NOW!
May 14-18
**BAM Supervisor Training**
Washington, DC

May 22-24
**UI Integrity Center: Basic Fraud Investigation Training**
Baton Rouge, LA

June 7-8
**WITSC Committee Meeting**
Washington, D.C.

June 11-15
**Intermediate BAM Investigator**
Washington, DC

June 12-13
**Board of Directors Meeting**
St. Louis, MO
*All state administrators welcome*

June 19-21
**UI Integrity Center: Basic Fraud Investigation Training**
Salt Lake City, UT

June 21-22
**ITSC Steering Committee Meeting**
Washington, D.C.

July 16
**UI Integrity Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Washington, DC

July 17-18
**UI IB Subcommittee Meeting**
Washington, DC

July 17-18
**Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting**
Washington, DC

July 17-18
**UI Committee Meeting**
Washington, DC

July 17-18
**Workforce and Labor Market Information (WLMI) Committee Meeting**
Washington, DC

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The **5th Annual Veterans Conference** takes place in Washington, S.C. July 18-20, 2018

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS SOON!
Early Bird Registration ends 5/7/2018 and Regular Member Registration begins 5/8/2018.

Hotel reservations must be made by Monday, 6/25/2018.

Keynote Speakers

**Major MJ Hegar** is a hero twice over - a decorated pilot, and the soldier who challenged longstanding military policy, winning women the right to serve on the front lines. She is also the author of the new memoir "Shoot Like a Girl," a soon-to-be major motion picture. Hegar's exceptional grit shows...

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It is a long way from Kansas to Afghanistan, and competing on Kansas State's rodeo team is a far cry from riding into battle on horseback. Yet that is exactly what happened to Green Beret **Commander Mark Nutsch**, whose story of military service is now a major motion picture, "12 Strong," and the subject of the best-seller, "Horse Soldiers."

Nutsch will share...

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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SAVE THE DATE! The National Association of State Workforce Agencies and the Alabama Department of Labor are hosting the **Workforce Summit & UI Directors' Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting** in Birmingham, Alabama, September 19-21, 2018.

This year’s conference format will be super-charged as we integrate workforce development and UI topics for the first time! The UI Directors’ Conference and IT & Legal Issues Forum will be combined with the Annual Meeting, bringing a more robust, diversified and well-rounded conversation to the conference. Committee meetings and a Board of Directors meeting will take place prior to the conference, September 17th, 18th and a half-day on the 19th.

**2018 Legislative Priorities**

NASWA's legislative priorities advance states' efforts to ensure our nation’s workforce system meets employers' needs for a qualified workforce and promote high-quality employment and careers for workers. The agenda is comprised of five main categories with 10 specific points for congressional action.

**Did you know?**

Birmingham's infamous Vulcan statue is the largest cast iron statue in the world-second only to the Statue of Liberty.
**SPRING MEETINGS WRAP UP!**

The 2018 Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits & Federal Programs Training was held in Savannah, Georgia, March 27-28. Visit [IB Training 2018](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/NASWA-Newsletter---April-2018---Volume-3---Issue-4.html?soid=11212917575859&aid=kwpdlzzOtZY) to see conference materials, photos, and other information, and don't forget to join the social conversation! #NASWAUIIB18

The UI Integrity and SIDES Symposium was held in Houston, Texas, April 11-12. Visit [UI Symposium 2018](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/NASWA-Newsletter---April-2018---Volume-3---Issue-4.html?soid=11212917575859&aid=kwpdlzzOtZY) to see conference materials, photos, and other information, and don't forget to join the social conversation! #UIIntegrity2018
WIOA SUCCESS STORIES

Does your state have a WIOA success story? Submit to: naswa@naswa.org

WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

NASWA in the News

NASWA RECEIVES PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

NASWA was recognized at the 2018 Direct Employers Annual Meeting (DEAM18) by DirectEmployers with the Partner of the Year Award. NASWA partnered with employers over the past 10 years to create the National Labor Exchange. Great job, NLx Team!
What's Happening in the States

MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Pathways to Success Apprenticeship Program

Through classroom instruction and hands-on skills training, this program prepares Maryland youth for employment and registered apprenticeship in one of the fastest growing occupations in construction. Pathways to Success is a collaboration between ...

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New Apprenticeship Program Expands Modern Apprenticeship Opportunities

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation today announced a new registered apprenticeship program with CVS Health, and expanded opportunities for Maryland workers in other non-traditional apprenticeship occupations and industries. At the March meeting of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC)...

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What's Happening Nationally

DURING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, SHARE THE POSSIBILITIES

What do the words "mental health" mean to you?

For some, these words bring to mind symptoms and conditions - struggles with anxiety, insomnia, anger, isolation, depression.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Mental health can also mean reconnecting with a son or daughter, realizing you don't need alcohol and moving on, regaining confidence and going back to school, acing an interview and landing your dream job. Every day, Veterans prove that mental health means building a stronger you.

This May, in observance of Mental Health Month, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will highlight those life-changing outcomes and the possibilities that stem from mental health treatment. Whether you're a Veteran sharing your story, a family member providing support, or a friend lending a hand, focusing on these positive outcomes can be a powerful way to provide encouragement and shape how Veterans think about treatment when they're facing mental health challenges.

Visit MakeTheConnection.net/mhm to learn more about these real-life possibilities, and what mental health means to countless Veterans across the country.
SPECIAL INVITATION TO
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

The 2018 Western Pathways Conference will bring together high-level leaders from around the West to address a critical issue: how can we build an education and workforce development system that will prepare ALL young adults for careers leading to economic independence? The conference is hosted by Utah Governor Gary Herbert, and will attract state policymakers, Microsoft President Brad Smith and executives from...Read more

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NASWA in Action

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MARK SANDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Mark Sanders Award for Exceptional Service to Veterans, with special emphasis on Veterans with Significant Barriers to Employment. The award, previously announced at the NASWA Workforce Summit, will now be presented at the NASWA Veterans Conference, July 18-20, at The Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC.

This award is named in honor of Mark Sanders who, during his distinguished career with the California Employment Development Department and in leadership positions with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, was untiring in his efforts to promote excellence in services to Disabled Veterans. It recognizes the efforts of an entire one-stop career center whose efforts to serve Veterans go above and beyond the scope of mandatory service provision.

States wishing to be considered for this honor are required to participate in a submissions conference call on Tuesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. ET. Call instructions will be sent to all NASWA member states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico, along with award criteria and information about required documentation. Mark Sanders subcommittee members will be present to explain criteria and answer questions.

Completed nomination packets must be emailed to Lori Adams, NASWA Policy Director, at ladams@naswa.org, by 6 p.m. ET Friday, June 1.
INTEGRITY KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

The Integrity Knowledge Exchange is a collection of resources for states to detect and prevent UI fraud and recover improper payments. Join us live Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 1pm - 2pm EDT for a demonstration, and learn how the Integrity Knowledge Exchange can benefit your agency. Register Now

SIDES WEBINAR

Join us on May 2, 2018 at 1:30pm for a free webinar demonstration of SIDES. Learn how to respond to UI claims and wage audits electronically and unite with the efforts of state agencies to enhance UI Integrity. Register Now

Workforce Classifieds

Have you seen the jobs available on our Workforce Jobs page?

View the most recent job listings or email webmaster@naswa.org to submit a workforce development-related job.

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