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

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Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

September 18
Unemployment Insurance Committee Meeting
Birmingham, AL

September 18-19
NASWA Summit & President's Conference
Birmingham, AL
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 18-21, 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. NASWA committee meetings and the Board of Directors meeting will take place prior to the conference, September 17th, 18th and a half-day on the 19th.

*The Workforce Innovation Awards Dinner will be held at the Barber Motorsports complex on Thursday, September 20.*

*Did you know?*

Birmingham AL is home to Rickwood Field, the oldest baseball stadium in the US. Rickwood hosted greats of the game such as Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Dizzy Dean, and Willie Mays.

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**NO-COST TOOL FOR NASWA MEMBERS!**
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.

Legislative Priorities

NASWA Affiliates

What's Happening in the States

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USDOL, State and Federal Dignitaries Celebrate New Montville American Job Center

Pictured left to right: Montville Job Center Director Lisa Arends, Acting Deputy Commissioner Daryle Dudzinski, Heather Graham, Director with USDOL’s Office of Special Initiatives and Demonstrations, and Labor Commissioner Kurt Westby.

SEPTEMBER IS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH!
#WKDEVMONTH2018

Each September, states across the country join efforts to recognize the contributions of workforce professionals and highlight events and initiatives which support job seekers and employers.

View Workforce Development Stories from around the country, share what your state is doing for Workforce Development Month and follow @NASWAOrg and #wkdevmonth2018 to join the conversation!

**Family Medical Leave Act Seminar**

More than 60 employers and workforce partners attended an August 7 seminar that was geared to provide the local business community with a better understanding of FMLA - the Family Medical Leave Act... Read More

**IOWA**

**Iowa Receives Grant for Ex-Offenders**

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded United Way of Central Iowa's Central Iowa Works a $1.5 million grant to support individuals returning from prison to become employed and avoid re-offending. Read more

**IowaWORKS Opens New Office**

IowaWORKS opened a new center to help those individuals affected by the adverse weather in July in Iowa Read more

**OREGON**

**Recession Preparation - A Plan for Oregon's Economic Cycle**

Since the 1940s, a new national recession has begun every six years on average. Although the Oregon Employment Department cannot predict when the next recession will take place, or how severe it will be, we are committed to looking at ways to proactively incorporate the ebbs and flows of Oregon's economic cycle into business operations in a more effective way than our recessionary tactics of the past. Read More

**UTAH**

**Guest Opinion:**

_Utah's Hidden Workforce is our Current Workforce_...I've come to the conclusion that the hidden workforce that can help solve industry needs right now is our actual current workforce. While several statewide programs and initiatives are targeting K-12 for building the workforce for the future, I believe as businesses continue to grow, Utah's workforce must grow as well. - Jon Pierpont Read More

**WASHINGTON**

**Washington Receives Grant Dollars to Fight Opioid Crisis**

The State of Washington was recently awarded nearly $5 million in federal funds to help people affected by the opioid crisis find employment. Read more
**New Tool for Military Spouses to Transfer Occupational Licenses**

Ninety-two percent of working-age military spouses are women. Many states have laws to make it easier for military spouses relocating from out of state to carry their occupational licenses to a new state. Building on President Trump's Executive Order Enhancing Noncompetitive Civil Service Appointments of Military Spouses, the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service - in partnership with the Women's Bureau - released a tool to help military spouses learn how to transfer occupational licenses when they move to a new state. Military Spouses can search by occupation, job title, license name, or state agency. View the tool [here](#).

**NASWA in Action**


Exec. Director Scott B. Sanders joined a workforce panel discussion at the Skillful State Network meeting in early August.

**Strengthening Connections with VETS Leadership**

NASWA Policy Director Lori Adams and state veteran program coordinators from USDOL's Chicago Region met in Milwaukee recently with USDOL VETS leadership. Lori reported on the recent Vets conference, and shared information about NASWA's Veterans Affairs committee's current policy projects.

**Engagement at Get Aware Live 2018**

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**IMPROVE benefit accuracy**

**GAIN deeper insight**

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**The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) hosted a webinar that provided a comprehensive overview of the recently passed CTE reauthorization bill.**

[View the Webinar](#)
NASWA Deputy Director Ellen Golombek served as a breakout speaker at the Get Aware Live 2018 Conference in Atlanta. Golombek addressed vocational rehabilitation services partnering with state workforce agencies.

The SIDES team hit the road during August to exhibit at both the Indiana and Arizona state SHRM conferences, with the respective workforce agencies.

The NASWA Employment and Training Committee met jointly with members of the National Association of Government Labor Officials (NAGLO) and the National Governors Association (NGA) the last week of July in Missoula, Montana to discuss the evolution of workforce development.

NASWA’s Equal Opportunity Committee met in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 24 and 25.

NASWA Services

The Knowledge Exchange Digital Library is a curated collection of UI integrity resources and information with the central purpose of preventing fraud and promoting program integrity.
program integrity. The library is designed to support your research needs and save you time, by offering a repository that is clear, well-organized, and comprehensive. With your help, we want to make sure that what's offered in the library is current and relevant, and easy to access and search. Visit the library to learn more!

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.

Please send relevant content for the newsletter to the NASWA Director of External Affairs, Michelle Marshel.