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Department of Labor & Industry Assisting Pennsylvania Workers Impacted by Federal Government Shutdown

Free, in-person resource fair scheduled tomorrow in Pittsburgh

Harrisburg, PA – The Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) has activated its [Rapid Response Coordination Services](#) (RRCS) to help Pennsylvania workers impacted by the federal government shutdown.

To ensure that affected federal workers are aware of the resources available to them during the shutdown, L&I is partnering with the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania to hold an in-person resource fair on Friday, January 18, 2019.

RRCS specialists will meet with furloughed federal employees from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Pittsburgh Federation of Teacher's Union Hall (South Side), 10 South 19th Street, in Pittsburgh.

The resource fair will feature information and representatives from state and social service agencies including: L&I's Unemployment Compensation Service Center; the Department of Human Services, Allegheny County Assistance Office; PA CareerLink® Pittsburgh/Allegheny County (Including a veterans services representative); Advantage Credit Counseling Services; and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Typically, RRCS activities are triggered when L&I learns of a planned closure or layoff either by receiving a notice as required by the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, through the media, or by contacts in the local area.

Services are state and federally funded, and are provided at no additional charge to employers or employees, regardless of the reason for the layoffs.

The department's [Rapid Response Information Guide](#) provides a thorough break-down of the program as well as a list of services, resources, and regional contacts for easy referencing.

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