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Department of Labor & Industry Assisting Pennsylvania Workers Impacted by Federal Government Shutdown
Free, in-person resource fair scheduled Tuesday in Philadelphia

Harrisburg, PA – The Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) has activated its Rapid Response Coordination Services (RRCS) to help Pennsylvania workers impacted by the partial 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 Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey to hold an in-person resource fair on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

RRCS specialists will meet with federal employees from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, in Philadelphia.

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; PA CareerLink®; City of Philadelphia; SEPTA; United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey; Philabundance; Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger; Clarifi (financial); and 1199c Training and Upgrading Fund.

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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