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UI NAVIGATOR NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

Welcome to the Unemployment Insurance Navigator Newsletter!

We are excited to introduce you to our Unemployment Insurance Navigator program, designed to support and guide the public through the complexities of unemployment benefits.

In each edition, you will expect to find valuable tips to help navigate the unemployment process, inspiring success stories from individuals who have successfully utilized our services, and highlights of the latest news and events related to unemployment insurance. Stay informed, stay supported, and let us know how we can help make this process (and newsletter) better!



Aurora S.



Pictured left to right: Martin Garibay (PFP), Rafael Colon (ESD), Misael Maldonado (PFP), Marty Garibay (PFP), Aurora Santacruz (PFP), Tonya Tinnin (ESD), Stephanie Sams (PFP), Christopher Simon (Region 6), Dr. Sherry Smith (Region 6),

UI Navigator Mission

The goal of the UI Navigator community-based organizations is to help educate their communities on efficiently applying for support services to become self-sufficient and advocates in their own communities.

Many marginalized and underserved communities are either not aware of unemployment insurance, do not understand what it is, or have misconceptions around what it is.

With the help of these Unemployment Insurance Navigators, Employment Security Department (ESD) can help dispel these myths and increase accessibility to crucial services.



Success Stories

After being laid off from his job of many years, Eddie Herrera went to WorkSource, Sunnyside and sought out the staff who had supported him. He expressed his gratitude for the assistance that he had received from the People For People UI Navigator program. Eddie shared that the support he received from the UI Navigator, Marty Garibay, helped him manage his emotional turmoil of being laid off and provided the needed guidance on navigating the UI process. Despite facing multiple delays and fact-finding steps, Eddie was eventually approved for UI benefits.

The UI Navigator also referred Eddie to the Dislocated Worker program where he received additional education and training support from Noelia Gonzalez. Thanks to this support, he was able to secure a better job than he had before. Eddie was so appreciative that he created a testimonial video to encourage others in similar situations.

"I heard about People For People by Martin G. I didn't know what to expect about this program at the beginning. I was going through a rough time not knowing what was going to be the outcome and thanks to Martin and People For People it helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel. It gave me a sense of clarity by giving me the opportunity to realize what is out there for myself and letting me open my options. I would recommend People For People to anyone who is stuck not knowing what step to take next."

— Elizabeth M.

Clients served by People For People UI Navigators:

JUNE: 65 UI Customer Assistance
48 People Assisted with UI

YEAR TO DATE: 450 UI Customer Assistance

RAPID RESPONSE EVENTS: 6

OF AFFECT WORKERS: 764

Past Events

- La Oficina partnership UI 101 workshop community BBQ
- People For People UI 101 workshop
- La Casa Hogar presentation
- Inspire Development Center - staff and parent presentation
- Sun Valley Elementary School - community presentation
- ECO Community Resource Fair
- Ma's Closet Community Resource Fair
- Sunnyside Community Resource Fair
- Inspire Development Center presentation
- Yakima WorkSource hiring event at 10:00am
- OIC School is Out for Summer event, Yakima

Unemployment Navigators can assist you with:

- > Applying for unemployment benefits
- > Answer any questions you may have about unemployment
- > Navigating and fixing claim issues
- > Uploading documents needed for your claim
- > Filing for your weekly benefits
- > Gaining a better understanding of the unemployment process

Unemployment Navigators are available to assist you

Monday – Friday • 9:00am – 4:00pm
at the following locations:

WorkSource Yakima
509-504-5270
1205 Ahtanum Ridge Dr.
Union Gap, WA 98903

WorkSource Sunnyside
509-504-5078
1925 Morgan Rd.
Sunnyside, WA 98944

La Oficina
509-225-9921
904 N. 4th St.
Yakima, WA 98901

La Oficina
The Hub - A Coworking Community
509-225-9921
107 Buena Way
Toppenish, WA 98948
509-225-9921
620 Signal Peak Rd.
White Swan, WA 98952

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