



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES

January 6, 2009 - 8:37-9:40 AM

Spokane Skills Center

4141 N Regal

Anne Lockwood – Note Taker

Dawn Karber & John Serben - Editors

In Attendance:

Kevin Managhan-Inland
Empire Electrical Training
Trust

Trina Miller-Community
Colleges of Spokane

John Serben-American
Medical Response

Bonnie Wagner-WSU
Health Education Center

Kathy Atha-WS

Shannon Brucick-GSI

Chenlaine Dewindt—
ESD101

Trudie Duxbury-ESD101

Lynda Evans-WS/NGZ

Cami Hanson-WS

Amy Johnson-GSI

Martin Kolodreb-Spokane
County

Scott Oakshott – Spokane
Skills Center

Shelly O'Quinn-GSI

Sean Pelfrey-WS

Cleve Penberthy-West
Valley School District

Heidi Peterson-WS/NGZ

Ben Stuckart-CIS

Kev Vorhees-GSI

Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

INTRODUCTIONS/UPDATES:

Lynda Evans – WorkSource/Next Generation Zone:

- ✓ The NGZ started a program providing the youth at NGZ a tour of the Spokane Community College. The purpose of this program is to expose youth to college to help youth become more involved in higher education, help youth determine a career, and not be intimidated by college campuses. Transportation space is limited to 9 youth and three adults.
- ✓ The next NGZ will be hosting a job fair at the STA Plaza in February. There will be breakout sessions covering occupations and service related subjects.

Scott Oakshott – Spokane Skills Center:

- ✓ The Skills Center is working with the valley schools to provide a new Spokane Valley satellite-manufacturing program. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Sean Pelfrey – WorkSource/Business Solutions:

- ✓ Business Solutions has their very first OJT for youth in the aerospace industry.

Dawn Karber – Spokane Area Workforce Development Council/Youth Coordinator:

- ✓ The WDC recently awarded West Valley School District with a Dropout Prevention and Intervention Program (DPIP) grant. The grant will allow West Valley to develop curriculum and a website to connect youth to employers and opportunities.

GREATER SPOKANE INCORPORATED PRESENTATION (GSI) – PRESENTED BY AMY JOHNSON:

GSI's key areas of focus are public policy, workforce development, economic development, marketing and communications.

CAREER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN:

GSI presents information to youth in schools about specific industry careers. Example: When young people are asked about specific industry jobs such as healthcare, they often respond with one or two careers. GSI's materials show the youth other options in specific industries that are available that the youth might not be aware exist.

Once the presentation has been given, youth receive an "Ask your child about this" postcard.

The K-12 Roundtable is having a career fair in May.

TEACHING THE TEACHERS:

GSI is holding Teach the Teachers Workshops. There is an instructional session in morning and then the teachers go out to the different industries in the afternoon. The teachers get hands on, practical experience with the different industries. The teachers can earn clock hours by attending these workshops.

Brochures/Website:

Materials have been created to take into the schools for use to talk to teachers about how to get career information to the kids. The brochures show career laddering, salaries and careers in specific industries. There is a website for each cluster available.

They will be creating materials for the following industries: energy and natural resources, hospitality and tourism, and agriculture.

UPDATE ON YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Lisa White will be presenting on Navigation 101 and what that means around the state and at the local level at the next meeting on February 3, 2009.

The Youth Council Executive Committee will be focusing on the WIA Strategic Plan for the next couple of meetings. We need to make sure that all students that leave high school are prepared for and find jobs, the dropout rates in Spokane are lowered, work on barriers to education, drivers licenses/ID's for youth, and transportation.

AWESOME! – VIDEO ON GENERATION Y:

DSHS allowed the WDC to borrow this video. The video was produced to describe the newest generation of workers. It presented many reasons why we should be excited about this new generation of workers: they are smart, adaptable, energetic, skilled and eager. This isn't a generation that puts much value on experience or hierarchy. They grew up with digital technology, including the internet. Having knowledge about how things "were done before" isn't as valuable to them as being able to anticipate and adjust to how things will be done. They get bored easily and want to succeed.

COMMUNITY MATRIX PROJECT:

The Community Matrix Project is a good start on asset mapping for youth. Dawn will be e-mailing the Community Matrix to everyone. Please fill out the information return the matrix to Dawn dkarber@wdcspokane.com by next Friday, January 16, 2009. If an organization is not listed just add the organization to the bottom of the matrix.

Dawn and Scott Oakshott are working with the Spokane Skills Center to create a version of the Community Matrix that can be posted on the NGZ website. The thought is to have the cursor float over a company and a pop up shows more information.

Please go through the document and send questions and suggestions to Dawn dkarber@wdcspokane.com.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Mandy from AmeriCorps will be presenting at the next Youth Council Community Partnership meeting in March.