

August 2019 Partner Agency Updates

Idaho Department of Corrections Reentry Committee:

Currently working on the following projects:

- Reentry Guide – Creating that has current information to help people as they leave prison
- Parole Hearing Interview Packet – Instructions – Pre-release package for the Prole Commission
- Case Manager Intake Checklist
- Template for Case Managers and Parole/Probation officer communication

Committee will be meeting on a regular basis to work on projects and keep the line of communication open between each facility, and the case managers and parole/probation officers. Will provide training as needed.

Idaho State Board of Education

To date, over 560 Idahoans have applied for the Adult Learner Opportunity scholarship. State Board staff has developed outreach materials aimed at adult learners interested in returning to college to finish work on a degree or a career technical certificate. The Board's scholarship program manager and college and career program manager are visiting college and university campuses this month, sharing posters, postcards and other materials to them for use on and off campus. Plans are also in the works to distribute these materials to various businesses and companies to post in breakrooms and potential use as part of their human resources packages. The tools are designed to encourage people to visit OpportunityIdaho.com to learn about the scholarship and eligibility requirements.

Idaho State Department of Education

We are working to set up this year's Migrant Summer Institute downtown walking career tour. This activity has been a favorite of our MSI students every year and we hope to keep providing the opportunity for students to explore careers in this unique way. The downtown walking tour allows students from rural communities, where corporate and business community presence is limited, to explore career opportunities. Career exploration is often taught in the abstract with students searching or researching potential career and educational pathways online. The walking tour allows students to expand their horizons by asking questions about the types of jobs available in each workplace, learning about the education and training required for different careers and most importantly, gaining visual exposure to the workforce that is so often lacking in their communities.

The Advanced Opportunities Conference is scheduled for October 23-25, 2019 the conference goals this year are:

- Equip participants to leverage local and national tools and best practices available to broaden access to post-secondary education
- Provide participants with resources to maximize their effectiveness in post-secondary planning for students
- Expand participants' rolodex of 'lifelines' for career and academic advising and program utilization

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

For the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Employment and Training program, we have a few different partnership opportunities with organizations or program who receive grants or funding from

the outreach committees. We are always on the lookout for more community partners. The more community organizations we can partner with that offer employment or training opportunities the more resources we have to get Idahoans off of benefits and into sustainable employment. With our 50/50 reimbursement partnership opportunity, we could match the grant funding they receive up to 50% for allowable expenses. Community organizations or employers who offer programs to help Idahoans who receive SNAP benefits become employable or find employment, we want to partner with them. We have access to federal funding to reimburse these employers or organizations up to 50 percent of their costs to administer their programs. DHW would act as a pass-through agency and the funding would lost its federal strings.

Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho Commerce funded 18 Rural Economic Development Professionals in Rural Idaho. The Economic Developers include Snake River EDA, Timber Plus, Boundary EDC, Silver Valley EDC, Bonner County EDC, Ida-Lew ED, Clearwater County EDC, West Central Mountains EDC, South Idaho Rural Development, Western Alliance, Southern Idaho ED, Great Rift ED, 4CASI, Teton Regional Economic Coalition, Sun Valley EDC, Custer EDA, Lemhi County EDA, Butte County ED. A notable recent win for the Department include EMSI's \$10 million 70,000 square foot expansion in downtown Moscow which will bring an estimated 527 new jobs to downtown Moscow. In September the Director will travel with the Governor on a diplomatic visit to Spain, the Netherlands, and Ireland, and in October will visit Taiwan and Hong Kong and on a Governor led trade mission. The Department is also accepting new IGEM Applications for fiscal year 2020.

Idaho STEM Action Center

The Idaho STEM Action Center has had a busy summer! In June, ISTEM professional development training was held at six sites across the state where nearly 400 educators took a deep dive into project based learning with a focus on content standards. Also in June, the STEM AC, in close partnership with the Workforce Development Council, launched the pilot year of the summer externship program that placed 16 classroom teachers with local businesses. The externs spent 200 hours learning firsthand what is needed in the workforce so that they can better prepare their students for life after graduation. In July, teams from ten schools were given intense training on how to design/incorporate virtual reality experiences for their students to improve understanding and retention. At the end of July, the STEM AC co-hosted a training with Micron for manufacturers and state agencies. Topics included how to effectively work with schools, internships, apprenticeships and industry initiatives. Finally, the STEM AC has been working closely with its partners in academia, industry, after school and community organizations to complete its application to the STEM Learning Ecosystem Community of Practice application. The goal is to formalize our statewide STEM ecosystem to improve communication, collaboration and effectiveness, and join the existing 84 ecosystems in 30 states committed to advancing STEM education and outreach.

Idaho Career & Technical Education (all the following bullets)

- Perkins Outreach
 - ICTE conducted outreach meetings in during March and April to get input as we write a new State Perkins V Plan that was reauthorized by Congress last year. The new Perkins State Plan, which complies with the new federal regulations is due the Spring of 2020. During these outreach sessions we held evening meetings where business stakeholders and the general public were invited and then the following day held a full-day session

with secondary and post-secondary education stakeholders in each region of the state (Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, CDA, Lewiston, and Boise).

- ICTE is joining the WDC Staff and other agency staff in their WIOA regional outreach meetings being conducted July – September. This will also inform our Perkins planning process.
- ICTE will be conducting another round of regional outreach meetings this Fall as part of the Perkins Planning process.
- Middle School Initiative Outreach
 - ICTE conducted outreach in each of the six regions to get feedback from counselors, teachers and administrators as we develop our Middle School initiative.
 - We will be launching a pilot program with 12 schools this fall. These pilot schools represent all six regions with diverse school sizes.
 - The goal is to provide Idaho 7th and 8th graders an introductory career exploration experience including CTE opportunities to prepare them to make decisions about high school CTE courses and programs.
- Technical Assistance for new regional Career Technical Schools
 - Idaho currently has 17 Career Technical Schools (CTS).
 - ICTE has approved a new CTS for the Lewiston School District and has met with administrators and teachers multiple times over the past year providing technical assistance as they prepare launch this Fall.
 - ICTE staff have met with multiple other school districts across the state who are exploring the potential of applying to be Career Technical Schools. We currently estimate that at least 3 may launch during the 2020-21 school year.
- Recent State Conference Presentations
 - ICTE conducted 2 workshop presentations at the Idaho Association of School Administrator (IASA) state conference.
 - ICTE conducted a workshop presentation at the Idaho Association of School Business Officers (IASBO).
- REACH Professional Development Conference
 - August 5 – 9 is ICTE’s annual REACH Conference for professional development. We will have almost 1,000 CTE secondary and post-secondary faculty and administrators attending.
 - We also have a specific track for school counselors and career advisors to help assure they understand CTE student opportunities. This track includes the launch of our
 - Conference participants will also receive a thumb drive with all of the materials developed through the Seamens and WDTF grants for customizable CTE program recruitment.
 - As part of the Conference, Idaho Business for Education will be hosting a “Business Roundtable” on Tuesday, August 6th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Scott Stump, the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Career and Adult Education (OCTAE) within the U.S. Department of Education.
- WDTF Outreach Grant – We are very excited about the WDTF Outreach grant request to promote our 17 Career Technical Schools.

- CTE Foundation
 - The CTE Foundation has recruited a number of new members to their Board of Directors from the business community statewide and will be electing new officers later this month
 - The Board of Directors is planning on conducting outreach efforts this Fall.
 - Their goal is to develop a statewide communications plan to promote the value of CTE.
 - They plan an aggressive fundraising effort to implement this plan and there have been initial conversations with Wendi and Caty exploring the possibility of seeking a WDTF Outreach grant to possibly match private sector donations in this fundraising campaign.

- CTE Ag teacher outreach
 - ICTE conducted regional focus groups with Secondary Ag teachers across the state during February getting feedback on updating the requirements of IQPS Ag Incentive Grant program to encourage more participation.
 - This effort culminated at the Idaho Agriculture Teacher Association meeting in June that unanimously adopted the proposed changes developed through these efforts.