

BWIB's Breaking News Round-up

A Digest of Local, State and Federal Workforce Development News



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National Skills Coalition Releases Training Policy in Brief: An Overview of Federal Workforce Development Policies-2011 Edition

NSC released its annual "Training Policy in Brief" report last month. This report is a singularly readable reference tool and practical guide for understanding and accessing a range of federal education and training programs at the state and local level. A clear description of the Workforce Investment Act is offered, as well as a chapter on the activities and impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. You'll also find helpful information related to eligibility for Pell grants, Trade Adjustment Assistance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programming. Take a look at the report to see how your business can connect with these potential funding sources at: http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/assets/reports-/tpib_2011.pdf

DOL Special Report: Women's Employment During the Recovery

On May 6 the Department of Labor released a fascinating 10-page brief focused on the impact the Great Recession has had on women. Topics covered include the historical context for women in the workforce, unemployment and labor force participation rates, the intersecting impact of motherhood and workforce participation, and age as an influencing factor. The report also offers a series of recommendations, which the BWIB may wish to consider in a regional context. This study can be viewed at: <http://www.dol.gov/sec/media/reports/FemaleLaborForce/FemaleLaborForce.pdf>. You can also listen to the teleconference audio at: <http://www.dol.gov/sec/media/reports/FemaleLaborForce/FemaleLaborForce.pdf>. If you are interested in a more in-depth investigation of this topic, take a look at a full report prepared by the White House Council on Women and Girls. *Women in the Workforce: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*. The report provides a statistical portrait showing how women's lives are changing in five critical areas: People, Families and Income; Employment; Education; Health; and Crime and Violence. It can be accessed at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/Women_in_America.pdf

Good News for Baltimore City Youth!

The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services in Baltimore was one of five sites selected across the nation to be awarded funding for a third year to offer programming that provides training, employment and supportive services to youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. These grant funds support services to youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system within the past year but have never been involved in the adult criminal justice system. Participants are generally between the ages of 14 and 24. To view the press release, go to: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20110163.htm> On an equally happy note, W.E.B. DuBois High School in Baltimore has been awarded a \$3.7 federal grant to improve mentoring and student work opportunities. DuBois is one of nine "persistently dangerous" high schools nationwide to receive a multi-million-dollar grant DOL. The funding

will enable the local high school to continue to focus on strategies that foster enhanced educational and career opportunities. Those strategies include mentoring, employment support and violence prevention. Activities supported through these grants include anti-bullying efforts, peer mediation, anger management classes, crisis intervention, increased involvement of parents and teacher training. View the press release at:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20110167.htm>

Inside the BWIB – The Public Policy Committee

BWIB's Public Policy committee closely tracks public policy developments in the local, regional and national workforce development arena. Pegeen Townsend, BWIB member and Corporate Vice President for Government Affairs for MedStar Health, serves as the Committee Chair. Members of this committee advocate for legislative and budgetary initiatives in Annapolis and Washington. Their efforts target the promotion of employment opportunities and the strengthening of education and job readiness services for all job seekers, including people with criminal records and ex-offenders. You can view the BWIB's Public Policy Priorities, as well as other related items of interest, on the BWIB website, at: <http://www.baltoworkforce.com/pubpol.htm> Want to get involved? There is no time like the present! Hearings on the 2012 fiscal year appropriations bills related to funding for workforce development programming are scheduled in the House of Representatives in the last week of July. For those interested in learning more about the work of this committee, you are cordially invited to attend our upcoming meeting on Monday, June 20th, from 2 – 3 pm. The meeting will take place at MOED headquarters at 417 E. Fayette St., suite 468 on Monday, June 20 from 2 - 3 pm.

Upcoming Quarterly Meetings of the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board:

Tuesday, June 7th, 2011

**Radisson Cross Keys
100 Village Square
5100 Falls Road
Baltimore, Maryland, 21210**

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011

**Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc.
222 East Redwood Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202**

Networking Breakfast begins at 7:30. Meeting convenes at 8:00

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