



# WWRND The One Source

Welfare-to-Work and Workforce Development Resource Network

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### TRANSITIONING TO...

Whether a youth is transitioning to work, a prisoner is re-entering the workforce, or an employed person is seeking the next job, the National Transitional Jobs Network has resources that may

be of value. Their web site, <http://transitionaljobs.net/Resources/Resources.html>, includes access to the following information:

- Federal Funding Sources for Public Job Creation Initiatives,
- Financing Transitional Jobs Programs,
- Increasing Opportunities: Creating and Expanding Transitional Jobs Programs for TANF Recipients under the Deficit Reduction Act, and
- Transitional Jobs for People With Criminal Records.



### JOB RETENTION STILL CRITICAL, COSTLY CONCERN OF BUSINESSES

A one stop for resources on job retention can be located at [www.hermangroup.com/retentionconnection/view\\_articles\\_retention.php](http://www.hermangroup.com/retentionconnection/view_articles_retention.php).



### RAPID RESPONSE

Access Rapid Response at [www.workertransition-coach.org](http://www.workertransition-coach.org) for more information on:

- rapid response to laid-off workers,
- rapid response services to employers, and
- trade impact layoffs.

### WHERE IT'S



#### Biz Tech Network

[www.brint.com](http://www.brint.com)

This is the primary portal for a variety of business-related topics and issues.



#### Bureau for At-Risk Youth

[www.at-risk.com](http://www.at-risk.com)

This site provides links to resources that help today's youth cope with the important issues facing them and to keep up-to-date on what is happening in the at-risk community.

#### Business Interface, Inc.

[www.businessinterfaceinc.com](http://www.businessinterfaceinc.com)

Formally the Welfare to Work Partnership, this is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit effort of the business community to help move people on public assistance to jobs in the private sector.



#### National Young Worker Safety Resource Center

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~safejobs/nation/index.html>

The Center provides resources on how to integrate young worker safety training into various programs.



April 11-13, 2007  
Nashville, TN

#### Mobilizing New Mentors... Through Faith- and Community-Based Collaborations

MentorYouth, U.S. Department of Justice, Corporation for National and Community Service  
[www.mentoryouth.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/trainingnash.home](http://www.mentoryouth.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/trainingnash.home)

April 12-13, 2007  
Dallas, TX

#### Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth Your Problem-Kid Problem-Solver Workshop

Additional dates include **May 3-4, 2007**, St. Louis, MO; **May 10-11, 2007**, Seattle, WA; and **October 10-11, 2007** Portland, OR

[www.youthchg.com/live.html#development](http://www.youthchg.com/live.html#development)








Access the complete calendar of events at [www.nyswtwrn.com](http://www.nyswtwrn.com).





### NEED INFORMATION ON ASSESSMENT?

Contact the One Source for your copy of the 2007 edition of the annotated assessment matrix at [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com) or 315.265.4099. The matrix includes information on assessing:

-  at-risk behaviors,
-  motivation,
-  soft skills,
-  work-based competencies, and
-  youth.



WorkKeys has soft skill assessments that help businesses understand how job candidates will perform once hired. For more information, access [www.act.org/workkeys](http://www.act.org/workkeys).



### UNION MEMBERSHIP DECLINING, BUT...

Even though union membership is now only 12 percent of the workforce, job seekers still need to know about union membership and how to work in a business where there is a union or where union membership is optional. For more information access [www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm).



### ALLIANCE INITIATIVE

For more information on the Office of Disability Employment's initiative to work with businesses to increase recruiting, hiring, advancing, and retaining workers with disabilities, access [www.dol.gov/odep/alliances/index.htm](http://www.dol.gov/odep/alliances/index.htm).

## Overview of Training Policies

*Training Policy in Brief: An Overview of Federal Workforce Development Policies* profiles 13 Federal skills and education programs including:

- Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant,
- Community Services Block Grant,
- Carl D. Perkins Technical Vocational and Education Act,
- Social Services Block Grant,
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and
- Workforce Investment Act.

This resource by Workforce Alliance is available at [workforcealliance.org/site/c.ciJNK1PJJtH/b.1192031/k.AE16/TWA\\_Reports.htm](http://workforcealliance.org/site/c.ciJNK1PJJtH/b.1192031/k.AE16/TWA_Reports.htm).

### YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIALS

The following resources will help you create and connect youth to entrepreneurial opportunities.



#### Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

[www.kauffman.org/entrepreneurship.cfm?topic=youth](http://www.kauffman.org/entrepreneurship.cfm?topic=youth)

#### National Federation of Independent Businesses Young Entrepreneur Foundation

[www.nfib.com/page/youngentrepreneurfoundation](http://www.nfib.com/page/youngentrepreneurfoundation)

#### Real Entrepreneurship

[www.cfed.org/focus.m?parentid=32&siteid=341&id=341](http://www.cfed.org/focus.m?parentid=32&siteid=341&id=341)

#### Youngbiz.com

[www.youngbiz.com](http://www.youngbiz.com)

### LABOR MARKET CORNER

Data Elements	January 2007	February 2007	February 2006
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	4.8
U.S. Average Hourly Earnings	\$17.10 <sup>P</sup>	\$17.164 <sup>P</sup>	\$16.49

Sources: [www.bls.gov/eag/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/eag/home.htm).

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<sup>P</sup>Preliminary



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