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The SkillSource Regional Workforce Board convened for a board meeting at the Confluence Technology Center on March 15.

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 3, April 2024

Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Welcome to our third issue of In The Loop, a monthly newsletter just for SkillSource Board Members and County Commissioners. I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to connect with so many of you in person this past month! Your commitment to this important work is admirable (and so needed), and our communities are stronger because of you. Thank you for all you do!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa".

Lisa Romine, CEO

## Board Member Spotlight

Julie Helligso's story with SkillSource began in 2008 when she came in for help gaining the education and job skills needed to better support her family. Sixteen years later she has her Master's Degree and is the Executive Director for Cascade Veterinary Clinics. She has served on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board since 2023.

"I am on the board in hopes that I can give back to an organization that truly cares about its community members. SkillSource looks at each person walking in their doors as an individual full of potential. They understand the hardships and challenges that many of us endured and help every step of the way. SkillSource reaches across the lines of employee, employer, family, and business. Very few organizations are positioned to do that. They do it well."



"Life does not always give people "do-overs", but SkillSource does! It allows for new beginnings. SkillSource helps businesses in creating pathways for employees. Their support of our communities is far reaching. No matter how many people or businesses they serve, every staff member makes, you, the client feel as if you are the only person they want to serve. How amazing is that?"

**Julie Helligso**  
Cascade Veterinary Clinics

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## Newsworthy

On March 14 Governor Jay Inslee signed Economic Security for All (EcSA) into law! This groundbreaking legislation paves the way for lifting people out of poverty, and ensures these resources will be available in perpetuity. This is the reason we traveled to Olympia to testify, and EcSA's permanence is now a reality. Thank you to all our board members and colleagues who helped champion this to success!



## NAWB 2024

Thank you to the National Association of Workforce Boards for another productive Forum in Washington D.C. We're grateful for the opportunity to have had meaningful conversations with leaders who are dedicated to making an impact in workforce development. Thank you to our WWA colleagues and to board members, Annette Herup, Sara Thompson Tweedy, and Todd Wurl for your presence and for sharing your knowledge and insight!



## Board Meeting & Recognition Banquet

Thank you to all who were able to join us for the board meeting and banquet on March 15th! [Read the story on our website here](#), and [view the photo album](#) on our Facebook page. Our next committee meetings will be in June: Okanogan 6/10, Grant-Adams 6/11, and Chelan-Douglas 6/12. The board will meet on June 20.





## You're Invited ...

Please mark your calendars for upcoming Learning Center Graduations:

SkillSource Wenatchee: June 5, 7:00 pm, Wenatchee First Assembly of God Church, McKittrick St, Wenatchee

SkillSource Othello: June 10, Graduates will join the Desert Oasis graduation on June 10, Othello High School football field, time to be determined

WorkSource Okanogan: June 3, 6:00 pm. Graduates will join the Okanogan Outreach graduation, Okanogan High School gym (Dawson)



## In Case You Missed It ...

Project based learning is an interactive way for youth in the SkillSource Learning Center to gain work readiness and leadership skills, while earning incentives and having fun. Five students – Parker, Kolton, Stacy, Shyanna, and Dawson — conceived and built a corn hole game from scratch for the Special Olympics Washington Winter Games. The six-week project gave

these students the chance to work as a team. They learned how to use woodworking tools and how to apply creativity, persistence, and problem-solving to complete a high-quality project.

Kudos to these students for their creativity, teamwork, and commitment!

[Read the story here.](#)



## Upcoming Events

Here are a few events coming up in April:

- 4/9 Workforce Collaboration Summit, Omak Elk's Lodge
- 4/11 Building the Future Energy Workforce, Big Bend Community College -
- 4/18 Big Bend Annual Job & Career Fair - Masto Conference Center
- 4/19 SkillSource Staff All Team Training, North Central ESD





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