

State Plan Overview – Visions and Goals

The State Plan represents the collective planning, resources and vision of the six core workforce development programs:

1. Adult program
2. Dislocated Worker program
3. Youth program;
4. Wagner-Peyser Act program
5. Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program
6. Vocational Rehabilitation program consisting of the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

In addition to the core programs, the following partner programs are also participating in the State Plan:

7. Unemployment Insurance
8. Jobs for Veterans State Grant
9. Trade Adjustment Assistance Act program
10. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
11. Senior Community Service Employment Program
12. Career Technical Education

Strategic Elements: Workforce System Vision, Goals, and Strategies

Vision:

- dual-customer focus amongst the partner programs
 - seamlessly administering services to jobseekers at all stages of the employment spectrum
 - furnishing employers with the skilled workforce they desperately need to grow and thrive in a global economy
- strong communication between partnering programs and other workforce development entities in order to streamline services and foster coordinated strategies to meet the needs of the workforce system's primary customers, employers and workers
- maintaining a strong understanding of employers' specific workforce needs and developing proactive strategies that respond to these needs with timely and targeted interventions
- collaborative effort where partnering programs leverage the collective resources of the state's workforce partners as a whole
- ensuring that jobseekers and employers within Nebraska are provided with an environment that meets their unique workforce needs

State Plan Goals:

Goal 1: Enhanced Coordination

Goal 2: Increased Workforce Participation

Goal 3: Strengthened education and/or training and industry alignment

Goal 4: Promote self-sufficiency among low-income and other disadvantaged populations

How to Provide Comments on the Combined State Plan

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services have released this Combined State Plan in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and are seeking public comment for a thirty (30) day period.

This plan is accessible online at <http://dol.nebraska.gov/>. Comments for the plan may be made electronically or during a scheduled public hearing. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to ndol.wioa_policy@nebraska.gov.

A public hearing will be held on February 5, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST at the Nebraska State Office Building, 14th and M Street, Lincoln, 6th Floor, Nebraska VR Conference Room. This hearing will be simultaneously made available at Nebraska VR locations across the state through interactive video conferencing technology. These locations include:

Columbus – 3100 23rd Street, Suite 5
Fremont – 827 North D Street
Grand Island – 203 E. Stolley Park Road, Suite B
Kearney – 315 W. 60th Street, Suite 400
Lincoln – 3901 N. 27th Street, Suite 6
Norfolk - 1212 Benjamin Ave.
North Platte - 200 South Silber, Bldg., 2,
Omaha - 1313 Farnam on the Mall
Omaha - 12011 Q Street
Scottsbluff – 505A Broadway, Suite 500

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Comments are due February 18, 2016.