

PROJECT RISE

Workforce Development Council
Snohomish

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Reconnecting Individuals to Sustainable Employment (RISE) provided a mix of group workshops and individual, personalized employment counseling sessions. Group settings provided time for networking, sharing common experiences, and finding support.

Coordinated Outreach to Unemployment Insurance Exhaustees

To rapidly address the rising number of unemployment insurance claimants nearing or exhausting their benefits, Workforce Development Council Snohomish County partnered with local Employment Security Department staff and the local Workforce Investment Act service delivery provider, Res Care Workforce Solutions, to deliver comprehensive services to serve job candidates receiving unemployment insurance (UI) longer than 79 weeks.

RISE participants enrolled in the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs

and were provided with the following program components:

- (1) A two-day intensive job search workshop focusing on job search basics, transferrable skills, referral planning, the value of temporary employment, and stress management.
- (2) Another two-day intensive SuperHost front-line customer service training- an internationally recognized program focused on the tourism, retail and service industries that offered both short-term transition employment

opportunities as well as long-term career opportunities.

- (3) The RISE Job Club, a semi-monthly group, fostered important connections among peers, enhanced support networks and built networking skills.
- (4) One-on-one sessions with employment specialists to develop a customized re-employment plan.
- (5) A dedicated Business Services staff member to market RISE participants to businesses and connect to the local job market.

PROJECT RISE RESULTS:

180 participants -- 67 found employment and exited the program

While outcomes are continuing to be reported, many people have found part-time or transitional employment, and they have all developed a new networking community, boosted their confidence, and found hope.

