



Assistance for Laid Off Workers

Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Workforce Development Department

If you have been or will be laid-off there could be state and federal programs available to assist you with income support, finding re-employment and funding for education and training.

WE CAN HELP

The Washington State Labor Council (WSLC), AFL-CIO works to ensure workers can maximize unemployment and re-employment services to best support themselves, their families and their careers. We have dedicated staff to help and advocate for laid-off workers (union and non-union).

If you face any challenges or have questions regarding Unemployment Insurance and/or programs available via WorkSource or a community or technical college, among others, please feel free to contact us.

CONTACT US - ALL ASSISTANCE



From left: Emmanuel, & Chelsea

Please feel free to reach out to the department staff directly.

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UI NAVIGATION



Michael Pichler

Have questions about Unemployment Insurance (UI)?

Having issues with your UI claim?

Want us to provide a training on UI?

Contact:

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KEY PROGRAMS FOR LAID OFF WORKERS

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

Income support, administered by the WA State Employment Security Department (ESD).

Commissioner Approved Training: ESD approves that you can be in school and not look for work.

Training Benefits: ESD extends your UI while you're in approved (by ESD) training.

WIOA Dislocated Worker Program

Available through all WorkSource locations and out-of-state. Offers one-one-one re-employment help for “dislocated” workers. Can possibly pay for school/training and help with other expenses like childcare, tools and books, transportation and other needs. Your spouse might also be eligible.

Worker Retraining

Available through all WA Community & Technical Colleges. Can possibly pay for schooling for dislocated workers. Worker Retraining staff also help you file for approval to be in school and get UI.

Trade Adjustment Assistant

Can bring additional benefits when layoffs are due to trade. If you think foreign competition (trade/outsourcing/competition with imports) contributed to your layoff contact us!

ADVICE ON NEXT STEPS

Getting laid off but haven't yet?

- Start using WorkSource resources and enroll in the Dislocated Worker program – start at www.worksourcewa.com or your local WorkSource office.
- Start exploring careers and education resources – www.careerbridge.wa.gov / www.startnextquarter.org.

Laid off?

- All of the above, and...
- Open an Unemployment Insurance claim via esd.wa.gov/unemployment or 800.318.6022. And learn your rights and responsibilities.
- Reach out to WSLC UI Navigator, Michael Pichler, if you have any questions or challenges!

Interested in school/training?

- Explore careers and programs through www.careerbridge.wa.gov and financial aid options through www.startnextquarter.org.
- Enroll in the Dislocated Worker Program through WorkSource.
- Reach out to Worker Retraining Program staff at the community or technical college by you.

If at any time you need help getting where you want to go in your career - and finding the needed resources and support to get you there - reach out to us! We're here to help!