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Message from the Commissioner

Summer is here, and that means many students are looking for summer work, or are already earning a paycheck for the first time. Have questions about workforce rules for younger workers? Our website has a [section](#) devoted to providing guidelines and advice, while staff at our Wage and Workplace Standards Division can answer your specific questions by calling 860-263-6791. This month, our “Top 10” News You Can Use includes activities, events and highlighted services. As always, I welcome your feedback and hope you will share this information with your constituents.

Compliment of the Month:

“Today, for the first time ever, I was in need of assistance from the Connecticut Department of Labor. After a 20+ years in management of various Fortune 100 companies, I was laid off. I called the TeleBenefits line and was greeted and assisted by someone with a kind voice, outstanding politeness, and well versed on the process. She navigated through all the issues, including the suggestion that I visit my local American Job Center to work with an employment specialist to help get me back to work more quickly. She demonstrated sincere care for my issue and is a leading example of how service should be provided by every organization.”

News You Can Use:

- [Save time and avoid waiting on the phone – new service lets Unemployment Insurance claims online!](#)
- [CTDOL Receives \\$200,000 federal grant to increase Apprenticeship opportunities](#)
- [Economic Update: Reflecting continued economic recovery, unemployment rates decreased in all 169 cities and towns in Connecticut in 2015.](#)

By the Numbers: CT 's Economic Update

[Latest Labor Situation offers jobs data](#)

Employees In the News

[CTDOL Joins City of Hartford To Provide Job Fair](#)

Website of the Month

[Looking for a new career, a better job and not sure where to start?](#)

[Why not begin with a trip to your Local American Job Center?](#)



[More here about the consortium, that was created to help promote and create manufacturing initiatives.](#)

Reaching Out

Lori-lynn Chatlos, Business Services Specialist working with employers in the Bridgeport area, was honored for her dedicated work during the Southwest CT Manufacturing Consortium's June 15 meeting. DOL Deputy Commissioner Kurt Westby (right) and Bridgeport American Job Center Director Victor Fuda (left) congratulated Lori-lynn.

This Month's Service Spotlight

Wage Subsidies and Tuition Reimbursement offered through the Manufacturing Innovation Fund Apprenticeship Program to help employers expand their Registered Apprentice Program, and as an incentive to help expand apprenticeship opportunities for jobseekers.

A Helping Hand

Eliminating hazards in the workplace can prevent injuries, improve morale, help companies to grow and even save lives. See how CONN-OSHA can help companies and organizations stay safe.

Partnership Success Stories

CTDOL and CSCU promote Advanced Manufacturing careers to unemployed residents.

In the Community

Educating Young Workers About the World of Work

Milestones

Taking a look back in history – some hiring tactics in 1978



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