



June 23 Step Up Conference in Waterbury To Help Employers Benefit Their Business

WETHERSFIELD, June 8, 2015 – Employers in the Waterbury area interested in learning more about the state’s Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up), as well as other business incentives and opportunities, are invited to a June 23 conference being held at the Naugatuck Valley Community College’s Fine Arts Center. The free event, offered by the Connecticut Department of Labor, takes place in the Leever Atrium and Main Stage Theater, located at 750 Chase Parkway.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. for the 8 to 10:30 a.m. conference, which is being co-hosted and sponsored by State Sen. Victor Cuevas, State Sen. Joan Hartley, State Sen. Joe Markley, State Rep. Larry Butler and Mayor Neil M. O’Leary. It is also sponsored by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the state’s Workforce Investment Boards, local chambers of commerce and community partners.

“We hope every employer in the Waterbury area will be able to join us for this free conference,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Companies of all sizes can learn about opportunities and benefits that include the state’s Step Up wage subsidy program, low interest financing under the Small Business Express Program, job expansion tax credits, guidance to becoming a State of Connecticut vendor, free assistance in writing a business plan, and much more.”

The conferences will feature information tables staffed with those who can answer questions, as well as presentations from state agencies and partner groups. Additional regional conferences will be held in the following towns:

- Stamford on June 24 at the University of Connecticut’s Stamford campus
- Shelton on June 30 at the Community Center
- Middletown on September 9 at Middlesex Community College
- New Haven on September 15 at Gateway Community College
- New Milford on September 17
- Hampton on September 22 at EASTCONN
- Bridgeport on September 24 at Housatonic Community College

While there is no cost to attend, employers are asked to pre-register by visiting the agency’s Step Up site at www.CTStep.com. For the June 23 Waterbury conference, employers are asked to register by June 22. Those with questions can also contact Veasna Roeun at veasna.roeun@ct.gov or call (203) 455-2713.

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