



## **June 24 Step Up Conference in Stamford To Help Employers Benefit Their Business**

WETHERSFIELD, June 12, 2015 – Employers in the Stamford 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 24 conference being held at the University of Connecticut’s Stamford campus located at 1 University Place.

Registration for the free event, offered by the Connecticut Department of Labor, starts at 7 a.m. for the 8 to 10:30 a.m. conference. The event is being co-hosted and sponsored by State Sen. Carlo Leone, State Rep. Daniel Fox, State Rep. Caroline Simmons, State Rep. William Tong, and Mayor David R. Martin. 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 and local chambers of commerce and community partners.

“We hope every employer in the Stamford 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 as well as presentations from state agencies and partner groups. Additional regional conferences will be held in the following towns:

- 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 website at [www.stepct.com](http://www.stepct.com). For the June 24 Stamford conference, employers are asked to register by June 23. Those with questions can also contact Veasna Roeun at [veasna.roeun@ct.gov](mailto:veasna.roeun@ct.gov) or call (203) 455-2713.

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