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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON WIOA
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

The Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) has scheduled meetings around the state to seek public comment and engage stakeholders in the dialogue about the changes to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The meetings will be facilitated by Vermont Department of Labor regional managers, and key questions will be presented and discussed in order to solicit ideas and feedback for the State's WIOA Unified Plan.

"Under the federal guidelines, a Unified Plan will be filed by the Department of Labor, Agency of Education - Adult Education, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. However, there are many partner organizations that are keenly interested in the enhanced collaboration required under the new WIOA, including education and training providers, business owners, economic development organizations, state and federal agencies, advocacy organizations, and Vermont citizens who may be interested in pursuing available services. The meetings will give people an opportunity to discuss their ideas to enhance the opportunities and services under WIOA", said Labor Commissioner Annie Noonan. The draft plan document will also be available by February on-line for public comment until March 30, 2016 at the Vermont Department of Labor's website, <http://labor.vermont.gov/>. The VDOL staff are also available to discuss specific questions with partner organizations. The meeting dates are as follows:

February 4, 2016:

Morrisville: 5:00-6:30pm @ VDOL Office, 194 Harrell Street, Morrisville

February 8, 2016:

Springfield: 5:00-6:30pm @ Howard Dean Educational Ctr., 307 South St., Springfield

Burlington: 6:00-7:30pm @ Hampton Inn, Rt. 7, Colchester

Rutland: 4:30-6:00pm @ Holiday Inn, Route 7, Rutland

February 9, 2016:

Barre: 5:30-7:00pm @ Labor Hall, Granite St., Barre

Newport: 5:00-6:30pm @ Emory Hebard State Office Bldg., Room 250, 100 Main St., Newport

St. Albans: 6:00-7:30pm @ State Office Building, 27 Federal St., Room 423, St. Albans

Middlebury: 12:00-1:30pm @ Addison Co. Economic Development Corp., 1590 Route 7 So., Middlebury

February 10, 2016

Bennington: 5:00-6:30pm @ CCV Community Room, 324 Main St., Bennington

February 11, 2016

Brattleboro: 5:00-6:30pm @ The River Garden, 157 Main St., Brattleboro

White River Junction: 4:00-6:00pm @ State Office Building, 118 Prospect St., White River Junction

St. Johnsbury: 5:00-6:30pm @ NVRH, Room 126, Hospital Dr., St Johnsbury