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SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, 8:00 A.M.

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT EMPLOYERS

LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES THAT BENEFIT BUSINESSES

Save the date for a free informational conference geared toward area companies seeking to learn more about tax credits, wage subsidies and training programs, low interest financing, recruitment services, and a variety of other services designed to benefit local employers.

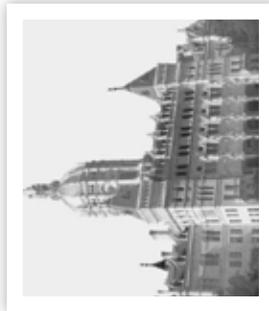
STEP-UP events provide small business owners with information about state incentives to hire as well as train workers, better preparing them for work. Businesses may receive subsidies for hiring long-term unemployed workers and veterans returning to the workforce after deployment. Over 2,000 unemployed residents have been hired under Step-Up so far. Every Step-Up event held in Connecticut has seen many participants, far exceeding initial expectations.

This event is being sponsored by the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development and several community partners.

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Legislative Update

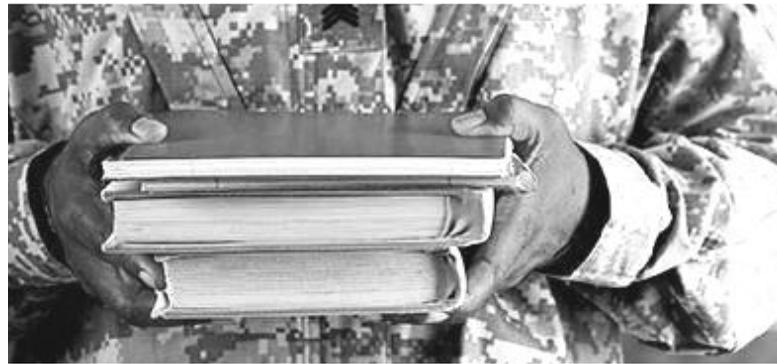


Complete Your College Education

Go Back to Get Ahead

When a student starts college and doesn't complete their degree, it's a lost opportunity for the student, the college, and the Connecticut economy. Under this proposal, Connecticut residents who have not attended any institution of higher education since June 30, 2014 and return to a Connecticut state college or university to complete a degree can earn three free credit courses. 'Go Back to Get Ahead' will help us build a future for Connecticut in which we are graduating as many students as possible into good paying jobs with good benefits, right here in Connecticut.

College Credit for Military Training



Our military veterans are not always receiving college credit for training they received while serving our country. These are people with special training, skills, and education who, upon returning to civilian life, are ready, willing and more than qualified to enter our workforce. To help our veterans, this year I introduced a bill so they do not have to take college classes that would duplicate training they have already received while serving in the military. This will save our veterans time and money, and help get them the jobs they so rightly deserve when they return to civilian life.



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Saving Our Lakes

For too long our towns have struggled with the challenges of maintaining the quality of our lakes. Our inland water bodies have suffered from increased development, storm-water runoff, erosion, septic problems, fertilizers and invasive species. If left unchecked, it will result in major ecological and recreational damage. That's why I introduced legislation to establish a matching grant program to provide towns with assistance for studies, planning and management efforts for our lakes, a valued resource enjoyed by all our residents.



These are some legislative proposals under consideration this session. As always, keep in touch...

Roberta

Aging in Place:

Retaining More of Your Assets

This proposed bill allows a spouse of a long term Medicaid recipient to keep more of their assets. This legislation would increase the amount from \$23,448 up to \$50,000 that a person can retain of the family assets when that person has a spouse who is residing in a long term care facility. The purpose of this increase is to help the spouse still living at home to have access to more funds so they can remain independent and continue to live in the community – which is a great goal for everyone.

Social Benefit Corporations

We are working to create Benefit Corporations, or B-Corps, governed by laws of traditional business corporations, but their corporate purpose must be to make a material, positive impact on society and the environment, so that for-profit businesses can give back to the community as they succeed financially. The directors of the B-Corps must consider social interests in addition to the financial interests of their shareholders and report their overall social and environmental performance every year, establishing certain standards for accountability and transparency.