



Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

# ASSISTANCE FOR LAID OFF WORKERS

## WE CAN HELP

The Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO works to ensure dislocated workers can maximize unemployment and re-employment services to best support themselves, their families and their careers. Two WSLC WIOA Labor Liaisons are dedicated to advocating for laid off workers (union and non-union). If you face any challenges or have questions regarding these programs, please feel free to contact us:

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Was **foreign competition** a contributing factor in your layoff? You may be eligible for additional benefits through the “TAA” (Trade Adjustment Assistance) program. Visit:  
[www.TAA-Washington.org](http://www.TAA-Washington.org)

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**If you have been or will be laid off through no fault of your own, there are state and federal programs available to assist you in finding reemployment and pursuing possible training opportunities.**

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## Your first steps should include:

- Visit WorkSource to access resources (anytime)
- File an Unemployment Insurance claim (most likely the first week your hours are reduced)
- Enroll in the “WIOA” Dislocated Worker Program, if eligible, through WorkSource (when notified of layoff)

## If interested in training, advisable next steps are:

- Enroll in the Worker Retraining Program through the community and technical college system
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Apply for Commissioner Approved Training / Training Benefits through WorkSource

## Benefits that you may be eligible for include, among others:

- One-on-one career counseling at your local WorkSource
- A waiver of your job search requirements and/or extension of UI benefits if you enroll in a certified training program
- Limited financial support for tuition, books and supplies
- Limited financial support for relocation or transportation costs to pursue employment
- Dislocated Worker Program eligibility for your spouse, if previously a homemaker or dependent on your income

## Online resources include:

- General information about Unemployment Insurance, the WIOA Dislocated Worker Program and other re-employment and training services at WorkSource:  
→ [www.worksourcewa.com](http://www.worksourcewa.com)
- General career and training information in Washington State:  
→ [www.careerbridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov) or  
→ [www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com)
- Federal financial aid and academic scholarships:  
→ [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) or  
→ [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org)