Webinar: Child Care Supports for the Construction Trades: Building and Sustaining Diversity

When: Wednesday, 18th December 2019, 2pm Pacific

Meeting skill shortages and diversifying the workforce are key challenges for the construction industry. The high costs of child care and the difficulties of finding child care to match typical working hours in construction can stop workers from considering careers in the trades, or push them out of the industry. This webinar discusses why child care is a vital ingredient in helping Oregon’s construction trades meet their needs for a skilled diverse workforce, and profiles three Oregon initiatives that tackle child care needs in the trades for pre-apprentices, apprentices, and journeyworkers.

Join this webinar to hear how Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Labor and Industries work together to support highway apprentices with child care and other supports; learn about a new pilot program to improve diversity by providing child care to pre-apprentices; and hear about Labor Littles, a new initiative supported by the Oregon Building Trades, to link union tradespeople to union child care providers for child care that matches the hours of construction workers.

Speakers

- Larry S. Williams, Supportive Services Specialist, Oregon Labor and Industries
- Penny Painter, Akana, Manager of the Oregon L&I-Oregon DOT Workforce Development Support Services Program
- Sadie Wood, Sheet Metal Local 16 Apprentice, mother of two, and recipient of child care supports during her pre-apprenticeship program
- Christina Daniels, member of IBEW and co-founder of Labor Littles

Moderator

- Ariane Hegewisch, Program Director, Employment and Earnings, Institute for Women’s Policy Research

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