#### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# **NEres**

#### **Nebraska's Reemployment Strategy**

John H. Albin, Commissioner of Labor



American workers want more than unemployment checks — they want a steady paycheck.

President George W. Bush





# NEres is...

• Transforming the unemployment system to a reemployment system.

Every unemployment claimant is a job seeker first.

A single model that serves multiple programs



# Integration of Unemployment and Workforce



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## **Nebraska Workforce Systems 2009**



Self-Service Labor Exchange



Self-Service Claims and Recertification



Unemployment Insurance Mainframe (UI Benefits and Appeals)



Self-Service LMI



Unemployment Insurance Mainframe (UI Tax)



Case Management (Wagner-Peyser, TAA, WIA, Veterans)

# Nebraska Workforce Systems 2010 (Virtual OneStop)



Self-Service Claims and Recertification



**NEWorks** 

(Labor Exchange, Case Management, Wagner-Peyser, TAA, WIA, Veterans, ETP, Career Exploration, LMI)



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# **Nebraska Workforce Systems 2015 (REX)**



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## Nebraska Workforce Systems 2019 (GUS Benefits)



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### Nebraska Workforce Systems 2021 (GUS Tax)

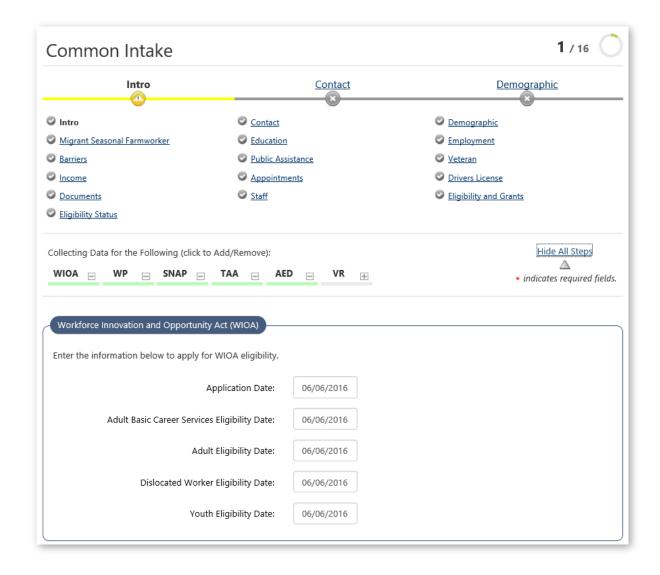


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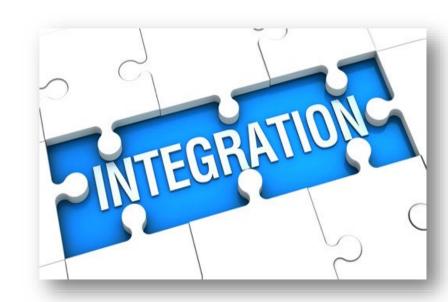
#### **Common Intake**

# **One Common Application for All** Workforce **Programs (No** wrong door)



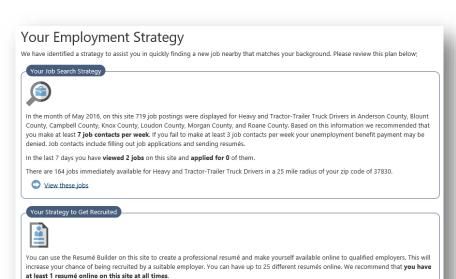
### The Power of Total UI/Workforce Integration

- Enhances Rapid Reemployment
- Automates Work Search Verification
- Automates Weekly Certification
- Provides a Single Sign-On and a Common Intake
- Minimizes Data Entry Duplication
- Reduces Fraud and Improper Payments
- Integrated Trade Program
- Integrated RESEA Program
- Increases Effective Sharing of Information Between UI and Workforce Staff



### **Focus on Claimant Reemployment**

- The system emphasizes the importance of providing the job seeker a job immediately. Upon login, the individual is presented with a list of suitable vacancies in their area
- New vacancies are presented to the job seeker every time they sign on to the system
- The system will show the job seeker jobs that are related to their previous occupations and that match their skills
- The system will create a dynamic reemployment plan for the job seeker based on individuals background



Currently you have 1 active - online resumé. You should periodically update your resumé(s) on this site to keep them fresh. They can expire

You can use the Virtual Recruiter on this site to save your job searches and automatically notify you of new job postings that match your requirements on a routine basis. This will increase your chance of finding the ideal job. You can have up to 20 different virtual recruiters active at

Currently you have 0 active Virtual Recruiters. Please note that you should update your Virtual Recruiter's periodically so they do not expire

one time. We recommend that you have at least 1 Virtual Recruiter active on this site at all times

within 90 days of inactivity.

Access the Resumé Builder.

Your Strategy to Be Proactive using Virtual Recruit



# Individual Reemployment Strategy

### 1. Individual Employment Plan

- Developed between Job Seeker and NEres Staff
- Identifies services and solutions to meet employment goals

#### 2. Online Career Assessments

- Career Interests; Skills Confidence; Work Values
- Identifies the Job Seeker's knowledge, skills and abilities

#### 3. Labor Market Information

- Determine opportunities in the current job market
- Focus on matching employer needs with job seeker qualifications



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# **Participation Requirements**

#### **UI Initial Claims**

Mandatory participation – <u>Failure to comply can impact UI benefits</u>

#### **RESEA**

- Mandatory participation <u>Failure to comply can impact UI benefits</u>
- "Profiled" populations identified by technology that determines individuals most likely to exhaust UI benefits

#### **Any Job Seeker**

- Voluntary participation <u>Strongly encouraged, but no consequences</u> for lack of follow through
- Enrolled in Wagner-Peyser Includes referrals by Partner Programs





# Reminder call:

- 3-5 business days ahead of the scheduled meeting
- Ensures the participant understands the meeting requirements
- Assists with lowering no show rates
- Offers increased customer service and rapport building

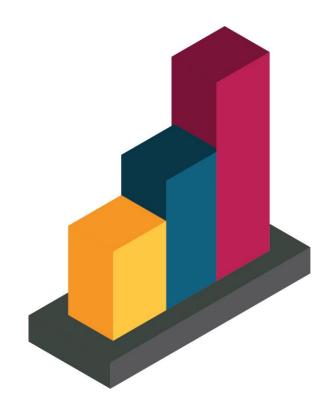






# **Labor Market Information:**

- Participant learns how to utilize labor market information within internal and external systems
- A demonstration is provided to use labor market information to customize the career search to the participant's specifications
- Participants learns how to leverage Labor Market Information to re-assess work searching in a more strategic way
- Provides the participant awareness of the ability to transfer skills into a new occupations to broaden work search





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# **Referrals:**

- Any opportunities to connect the participant to additional services are provided
- Direct referrals are completed through NEworks for services that can help eliminate barriers to employment







# **Work Search Assistance:**

- Feedback is provided to the participant about the scope in order to optimize their job search
- Coaching and best practices for job search etiquette are reviewed with the participant
- Upcoming hiring event information as well as additional channels for finding employment are shared
- Connections between employers seeking employees and the job seeker are provided in partnership with Business Services Representatives
- An assessment of the participant's resume determines if a one-on-one workshop to review and revise would increase potential for interviews which could lead to employment



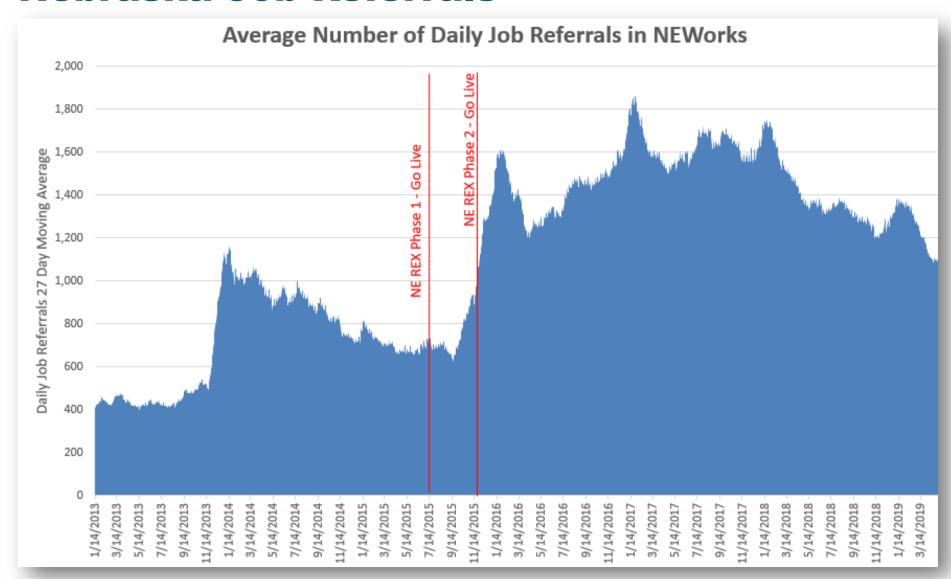


# Follow-Up Meeting with Participant:

- Determination for additional services is provided
- Employment goal status is reviewed and updated with the participant
- Any additional barriers to employment are addressed through referrals to partner agencies
- Assistance is provided to widen work search criteria
- If employment is established, communication is provided back to the Unemployment Insurance team



### **Nebraska Job Referrals**



# **Program Performance**

Category	Nebraska	Nation	Difference
MAY 2022			
Unemployment Rate	1.9%	3.6%	-1.7%
Exhaustion Rate	21.23	33.89	-12.26%
<b>Average Duration (Weeks)</b>	13.55	17.40	-3.85%

Average tax rate has declined in each of the last 3 tax years. The current average tax rate is currently 0.49% of the first \$9,000 in taxable wages.

### **Reducing Unemployment Duration – The Results**

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts State of the State Address – January 12, 2017:



"In our Department of Labor, we launched a first-in-the-nation reemployment program to help job seekers connect with good-paying jobs faster, and it is now saving Nebraska businesses \$17.6 million in taxes."

Video: Nebraska's Reemployment Program

# **Questions?**

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