#### Resources for Washington businesses

Gain important insights about SharedWork and the Paid Family and Medical Leave programs for a competitive workforce advantage!



Thursday, June 1
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SharedWork and Paid Family and
Medical Leave





Welcome

# Goals for Today





- 1. Hear about opportunities to get involved with the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce and upcoming webinars in this series.
- 2. Get to know SharedWork, and how it helps bring certainty to businesses and employees in uncertain times.
- 3. Learn about Washington state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program.

# Introductions



Topic	SEATTLE SOUTHSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Assisting Washington BUSINESSES & EMPLOYEES  SharedWork  SharedWorkWA.com  SINCE 1983	Washington Paid Family & Medical Leave	Live Q & A
	1:02 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.	1:05 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	1:25 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Presented by	Annie McGrath President and CEO Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce	Leigh Rowley Program Coordinator ESD/SharedWork	Liz Boot Service Delivery Manager ESD/Paid Family and Medical Leave	

For a PDF of the PowerPoint slides and a copy of the webinar recording, visit the <a href="SharedWork events webpage">SharedWork events webpage</a>.







# Updates from your local chamber

#### **Next webinar**

## Resources for Washington businesses

Gain important insights about SharedWork and WA Cares (long-term services and supports) programs for a competitive workforce advantage!



Thursday, July 6
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SharedWork and WA Cares (long-term services and supports)









**SharedWork - A proven business solution!** 

#### Getting to know SharedWork – What is it?





SharedWork is a voluntary assistance program of ESD that helps to stabilize a business and its employees during a temporary economic setback.



- Employer reduces worker hours to save payroll costs, instead of cutting jobs.
- Flexibility to manage hours week-to-week.
- Easy to implement.

- Eligible employees file claims to receive a share of Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits on weeks when hours are reduced.
- Employees commit to being able and available for all normally-scheduled hours by their employer.

#### The SharedWork Program

A 40-year proven program that

helps employers:

- Stabilize their business
- Reduce payroll costs
- Avoid layoffs and save jobs
- Continue serving customers

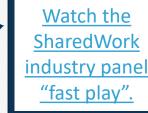


# Top 5 reasons employers sign up for SharedWork:

- 1. Loss of contracts or reduction in work
- 2. Maintain employee morale
- 3. In response to an economic downtown
- 4. Reduce payroll costs
- 5. Reduce cost of hiring and training new employees

Sources: <u>IMPAQ International</u>, <u>U.S.</u>
<u>Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration</u>

#### **SharedWork testimonials**







"It has allowed us to maintain our staff count and service levels, while lowering our overhead during the temporary housing shift. Staff is appreciative of the plan option and receiving partial payment with a day out of the office."

~ Erin Crain, AVP/office administrator, Chicago Title of Washington, Everett



"SharedWork has given us a great amount of balance and flexibility to pivot and budget our expenses wisely. It's given the employees a sense of security. They know that we're doing this so that we don't have to take more dramatic measures, so there's massive relief of anxiety in that sense as well."

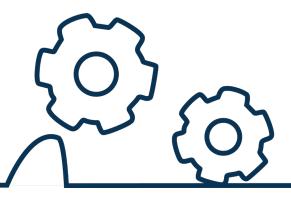
~ Jen Post, owner, <a href="Prestige Escrow">Prestige Escrow</a>, Woodinville



"It's really a good thing we have SharedWork or I could be at risk of losing the employees with whom I've invested thousands of dollars in training. My valued employees are part of our business family, and I don't want to lose them. During these ups and downs of the economy, it has been a lifesaver."

~ Suzette Jackson, VP/owner, NorthWest Granite & Flooring LLC, Whidbey Island

#### SharedWork in Washington



In a survey of past employers who enrolled in Washington's SharedWork program:



SharedWork improved employee morale.



The program helped retain skilled workers.



Would recommend SharedWork to another employer.

#### **Employer Requirements for SharedWork:**

- 1. Must be a legally registered business in Washington state.
- 2. Must have an Employment Security Department (ESD) number.
- 3. Must have at least two permanent employees, who are not corporate officers, affected by a reduction in hours and wages.
- 4. Continue to provide same benefits to employees.

#### **Employee Requirements for SharedWork:**

- All permanent (part-time and full-time) employees may participate in SharedWork.
- 2. Employee must have a valid UI claim worked at least 680 hours during their <u>base year</u> (includes all employment)
- Must be able and available for all scheduled hours by SharedWork employer.

### A temporary workforce reduction example



Ryna's remodeling company is experiencing supply delays, and it's impacting a few jobsites. She employs 40 individuals.

*In lieu of layoffs.* Ryna has enough work for 32 full-time employees. The employer can avert the continued layoff of 8 full-time employees by keeping all 40 employees and reducing the workweek.

**Reduced workweek.** The employer reduced the workweek from 40 hours to 32 hours, which is a reduction of 20 percent and permissible under state law, anywhere from 10-50% is an acceptable reduction each week with SharedWork.

**Summary.** The 40 returning employees would each receive 80 percent of their wages from their employer, while also remaining eligible for 20 percent of their respective weekly benefit amount under SharedWork.



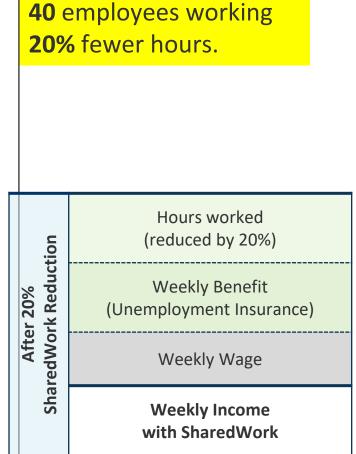
#### Scenario: 20 percent payroll reduction

Without SharedWork 8 employees laid off 32 employees full-time

Average Weekly Income (before reduction)

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After 20% Workforce Reduction	Weekly Benefit (Unemployment Insurance)
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8	Weekly Income without SharedWork

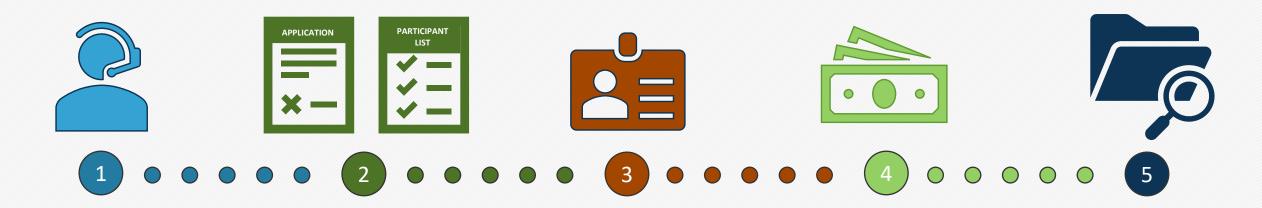




With SharedWork



#### **How It Works**



The employer calls
SharedWork at
800-752-2500 option 3
to check business
eligibility.

The employer assigns a SharedWork representative (or two) and submits an Employer Plan Application and a Participant List.

Once the employer plan is approved, each participant submits an **Employee Application** and can <u>file weekly claims</u>.

The employee receives
earned wages and a
share of
unemployment
insurance benefits
when hours are
reduced.

The employer representative checks the weekly

SharedWork Payments

Report for accuracy.

### **SharedWork usage by county**

The table below shows active SharedWork plans in the state of Washington as of May 9, 2023. In the last month, SharedWork usage has increased in Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Pierce, Snohomish, Whatcom and Yakima counties.

County	Businesses eligible for SharedWork in this county (estimated)	Businesses currently participating in SharedWork	Employees participating in SharedWork (enrolled by their employer)	County	Businesses eligible for SharedWork in this county (estimated)	Businesses currently participating in SharedWork	Employees participating in SharedWork (enrolled by their employer)
Adams	239	-	-	Jefferson	432	6	69
Asotin	2,231		-	King	33,722	269	5,572
Benton	1,415	24	517	Kitsap	2,635	18	277
Chelan	889	21	577	Kittitas	606	2	111
Clallam	5,938	6	95	Klickitat	304	5	73
Clark	79	64	600	Lewis	905	16	385
Columbia	1,127	-	-	Lincoln	106	-	-
Cowlitz	386	8	444	Mason	499	5	53
Douglas	87	3	111	Okanogan	608	3	12
Ferry	1,011	1	17	Pacific	309	-	-
Franklin	18	1	2	Pend Oreille	129	1	2
Garfield	1,193	-	-	Pierce	8,253	111	3,106
Grant	822	10	154	San Juan	455	3	8
Grays Harbor	832	11	343	Skagit	1,648	17	254
Island	239	7	187	Skamania	92	2	16

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Snohomish	8,047	92	2,375	
Spokane	6,187	56	1,738	
Stevens	390	3	7	
Thurston	3,371	34	670	
Wahkiakum	44	-	-	
Walla Walla	761	10	91	
Whatcom	3,060	44	861	
Whitman	430	3	26	
Yakima	2,510	23	582	
Other	9,490	176	5,699	
Total	101,851	1,057	25,077	

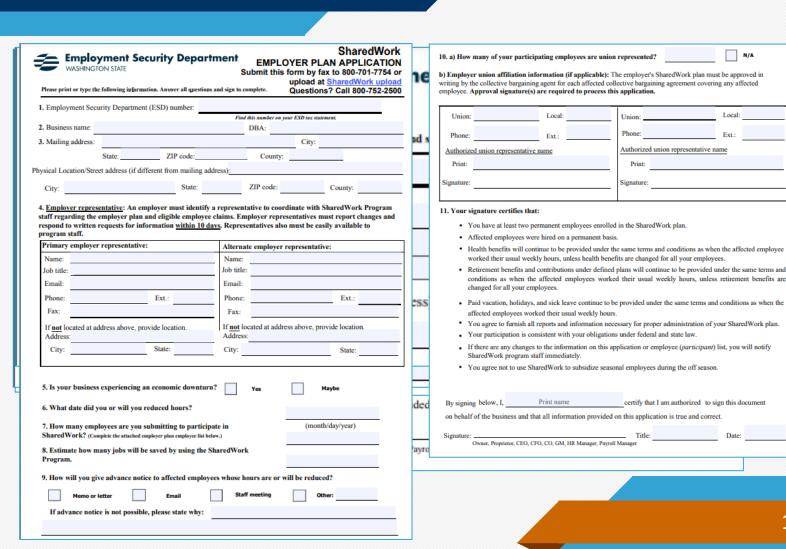
#### Two EASY ways to apply

# Apply by eServices, electronic upload or fax

- Download the <u>Employer plan application</u> (pdf). If you need more space to add employee names, download the <u>Participant list</u> (Excel)
- 2. Here you can <u>Upload all documents</u> directly to the SharedWork Unit, or Fax to 800-701-7754

#### Remember to:

- Include your company's name in the file name
- Sign and date all forms
- Obtain the signature for the collective bargaining agent, if applicable.



# **SharedWork Participant List**

Company name: Location:		ESD number: DO NOT CHANGE COLUMN/CELL FORMAT				
Employee First Name	Employee Last Name	Employee SSN xxxxxxxxx (no dashes)	Date of Hire mm/dd/yyyy	Usual Weekly Hours Worked	Hourly Rate of Pay	Associated Union (leave blank if no union)

#### Apply online – quick and easy

#### Apply through eServices

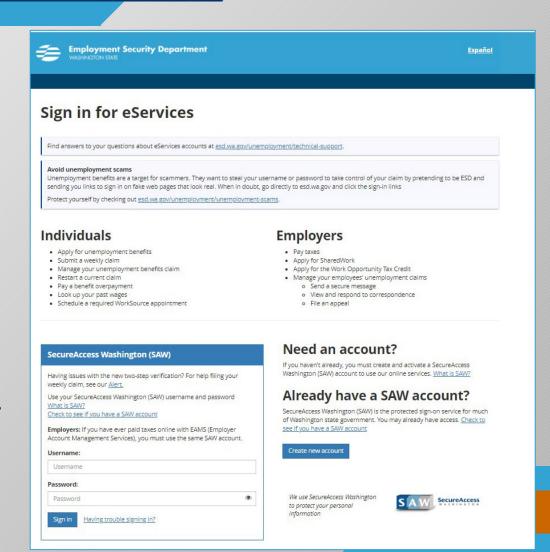
If you have ever paid taxes online with EAMS (Employer Account Management Services), you must use the same SAW account.

secure.esd.wa.gov - Link to site

#### **Questions?**

For help signing into eServices, see <a href="https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/technical-support">https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/technical-support</a>.

**SAW** Help Desk 855-682-0785 -



#### **Contact SharedWork**

Employers can verify their eligibility in minutes and get answers by calling 800-752-2500 and choosing Option 3.

800-752-2500

8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday

Option 1 – Claims

Option 2 – Existing Plans

Option 3 – New Plan Inquiry

Option 4 – I was asked to call

sharedworkplansect@esd.wa.gov

#### More ways to learn about SharedWork

- Watch our commercial on <u>Youtube</u>.
- The SharedWork program will be hosting many regional and statewide free virtual events for employers in Washington.

#### esd.wa.gov/SharedWork/events

- The SharedWork program will be hosting weekly webinars through the year end to help businesses get informed.
- Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. | <u>SharedWork</u>
   <u>Q&A for businesses webinar</u>.
- Download the SharedWork info card.

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# Washington Paid Family & Medical Leave



# Paid Family & Medical Leave



# Agenda





# Paid Leave overview

#### Paid Family and Medical Leave provides paid time off when you need it most.

It's here for you when a serious health condition prevents you from working, when you need time to care for a family member or a new child, or for certain military-related events.



# Who does this apply to?



Workers & their employers in Washington

# Exceptions

Federal employees.

People employed by tribal owned businesses on tribal land.

Self-employed people who don't opt into the state program.

Workers covered by a collective bargaining agreement that hasn't expired, been reopened or renegotiated since Oct. 19, 2017.

Workers covered by their employer's approved voluntary plan.

# High-level benefit overview

#### Become eligible

Hours
 worked and
 qualifying
 event

#### Apply for leave

 Apply directly with ESD, not through employer

#### Determination

 ESD uses hours worked and certification of event

# Two-part benefit eligibility



# Hours worked

- 820 hours in the qualifying period.
- At one employer or cumulatively.



# **Qualifying event**

- Serious health condition (your own or a family member's).
- Birth or placement.
- Military events.

# Medical leave to care for yourself

- Time to recover from a serious health condition.
- Like short-term disability.



# Family leave to care for someone else

- Bonding leave for parents in the first year after the birth or placement of a child under 18. Includes adoption and foster parents.
- Care for a family member experiencing a serious health condition.
- Military family leave; Broadly related to overseas deployments.
  - Statute references federal law related to military exigencies covered by FMLA.



# Definition of family member

- Spouses and domestic partners
- Children (biological, adopted, foster or stepchild)
- Parents and legal guardians (or spouse's parents)
- Siblings
- Grandchildren
- Grandparents (or spouse's grandparents)
- Son-in-law and daughter-in-law
- Anyone who has an expectation to rely on you for care

# What's a "serious health condition"?

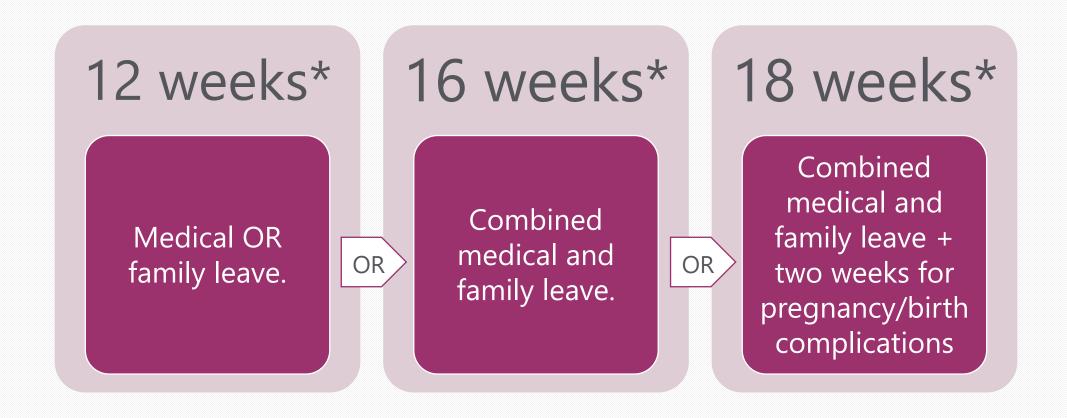


- Generally, includes serious illnesses and injuries, pregnancy, chronic conditions and some substance abuse and mental health treatment.
- Defined in the law.
- Up to a healthcare provider to diagnose and certify.



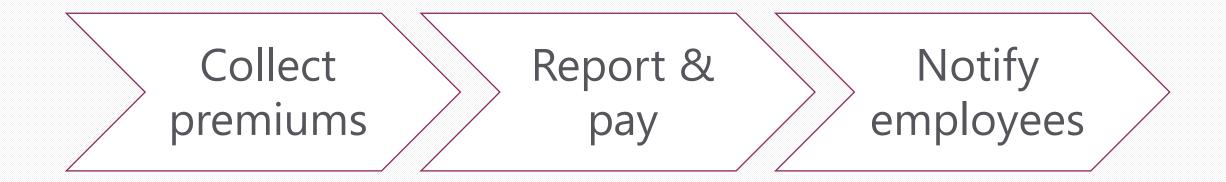
 Generally, does not include common cold, flu, earaches, upset stomach, headaches (other than migraines) and cosmetic treatments.

# How much time?



# Employer role & responsibilities

# High-level employer role



# **Collect premiums**



**Total premium** 

0.8%

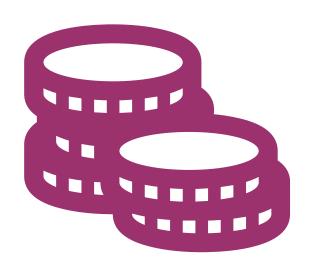
gross wages up to the Social Security cap

Can be shared

employee: 72.76%

employer: 27.24%

# Premium calculation



- 1. Calculate premium
  - Total premium = gross wages\* x 0.008
- 2. Calculate employer & employee portion
  - Employer portion = total premium x 0.2724
  - Employee portion = total premium x 0.7276

#### **Calculator**

paidleave.wa.gov/estimateyour-paid-leave-payments/

#### Calculate your premiums

Select the correct year and then click "calculate".

Enter gross payroll

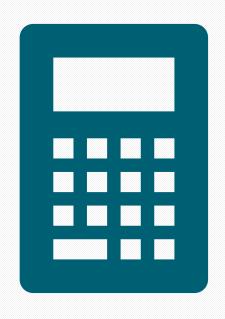
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Calculate

#### **Paid Leave**

If you have employees whose gross wages are over the Social Security wage cap, this calculator may overestimate your total Paid Leave premiums.

	Sum	Employer	Employee
Family Leave Premium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical Leave Premium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Paid Leave Premium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



# **Business size**

- ESD calculates your business's size on Sept. 30 of each year.
- The calculation is used to determine your business size for the next calendar year.
- It's based on your average employee headcount over the previous four quarters as reflected in your quarterly reports.
  - It is not calculated by full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

# Quarterly reporting & payments

Every quarter, employers must complete and file a report and pay Paid Leave premiums.



Basic details about your business and employees

Each employee's total hours worked, including paid time off

Each employee's total wages, excluding tips

# Reporting & payment deadlines

Quarter	Reporting period	Due by
First	January, February, March	April 30
Second	April, May, June	July 31
Third	July, August, September	October 31
Fourth	October, November, December	January 31

## Reporting resources

paidleave.wa.gov/employers/

- √ Requirements
- √ Checklist
- ✓ Instructions
- √ FAQs

# Checklist for Filing Your Quarterly Report

Before you file your quarterly report, make sure you have this information ready.

#### **BUSINESS INFORMATION:**

- Your SecureAccess Washington (SAW) login (If you don't have one, you can create an account <u>online</u>)
- Business identifier (UBI) number (If you don't know your UBI number, you can look it up <u>online</u>)
- Business name
- Total premiums collected (if any) from employees
- Name of the report preparer

#### **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:**

- Social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN)
- First name, last name, middle initial
- Wages paid during the reporting quarter, and the associated hours worked

# Notification requirements

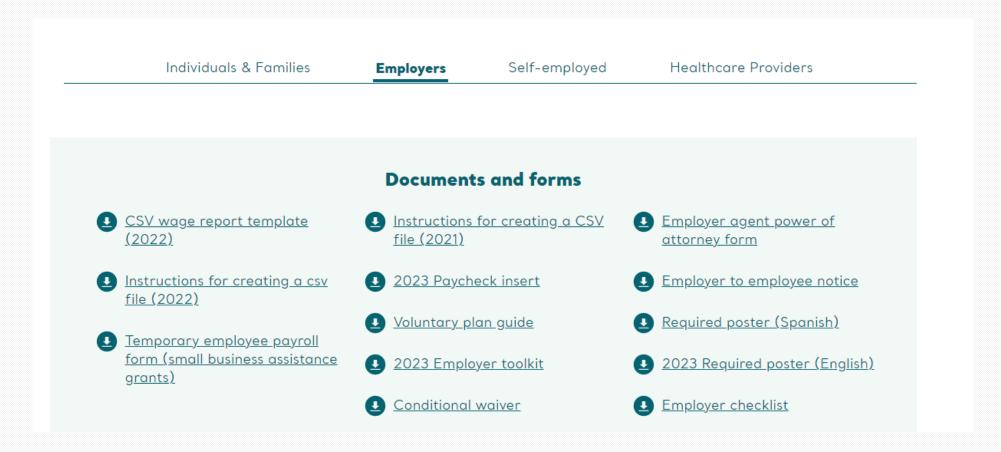
#### All Washington employees

- Inform your employees about the program by posting a notice in a place customarily used to post other employment-related notices.
- Poster in English & Spanish available online.

#### Individual employees

- Five business days after an employee's seventh consecutive day of absence due to family or medical leave, or
- Five business days after you learn an employee's absence is due to family or medical leave.

# Resources



### paidleave.wa.gov/help-center/employers/

# Electing coverage

# What's elective coverage?

Self-employed people can elect coverage for Paid Leave and, after filing quarterly reports and paying premiums, can get access to the same benefits as other workers in Washington.

# Who's self-employed?

You are self-employed if you are:

A sole proprietor

A joint venturer or a member of a partnership

A member of a limited liability company (LLC)

An independent contractor (as described in RCW 50A.05.010)

Otherwise in business for yourself

**Note:** Corporate officers are not self-employed.

# How does elective coverage work?

Opt-in to receive Paid Leave coverage by:



- Creating an elective coverage account.
- Completing the optin process.

Coverage becomes effective the following quarter. You'll:



File wage reports

 and pay premiums
 (We will calculate your hours worked).

You'll be eligible to receive benefits if you:

- Worked 820 hours or more after your elective coverage became effective.
- Have 820 hours or more in your qualifying period.
- Have a qualifying event.

# **Timeline**

If you opt-in between		And you report and pay starting
January 1 to March 31	April 1	July 1
April 1 to June 30	July 1	October 1
July 1 to September 30	October 1	January 1
October 1 to December 31	January 1	April 1

Employers **∨** 

Self-employed

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# Coming soon!

Expanded resources for self-employed people at paidleave.wa.gov/electivecoverage/

# **Self-employed: Electing Coverage**



#### Sign up for paid time off when you need it most

If you elect coverage for Paid Leave, you can re when you have a serious health condition that p working. Or when you need time to care for a for new child. Or if your family member is about to overseas or is returning from overseas deployment can take this type of family leave.

#### Am I self-employed?

#### You are self-employed if you are:

A sole proprietor

# Sign-up for news & details

Including upcoming webinars for employers and self-employed people!

Sign-up at esd.wa.gov/employertaxes/employer-newsletterhistory

#### **Employer Newsletter**

A monthly newsletter focusing on WA Cares Fund, Paid Family & Medical Leave, and Unemployment Insurance. **Sign up**.

#### 2023

Employer Newsletter - February 2023 | Issue 31 Employer Newsletter - January 2023 | Issue 30

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# **Contact Paid Family and Medical Leave**





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#### Even more events in this series

#### Resources for Washington businesses

Gain important insights about SharedWork, unemployment taxes and submitting wage information for a competitive workforce advanage!



Thursday, Aug. 3
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SharedWork and unemployment tax
and wage reporting





#### **Resources for Washington businesses**

Gain important insights about SharedWork and how to find labor market information for a competitive workforce advantage!



Thursday, Oct. 5
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SharedWork and labor market information





#### Resources for Washington businesses

Gain important insights about SharedWork and WorkSource for a competitive workforce advantage!



Thursday, Sept. 7
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SharedWork and WorkSource





#### Resources for Washington businesses

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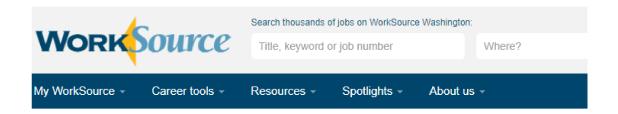


Thursday, Nov. 2 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. SharedWork



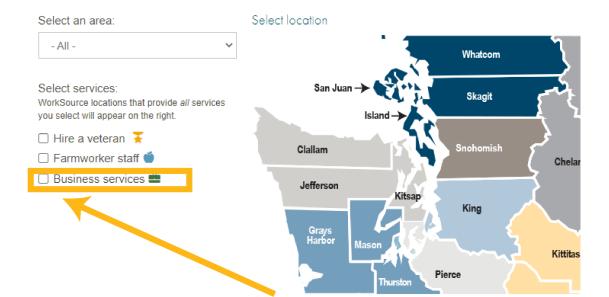


### Get to know your local WorkSource



#### WorkSource locator

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, WorkSource offices throughout the state are providing services in different contact them to find out what is currently available in your area. You can narrow your search by area, office the fewer options you will see. If you do not select an area, all WorkSource offices in Washington will be listed.



# Dedicated business services teams support you locally and virtually:

- Recruitment and retention
- Job fairs and hiring events
- Job postings and applicant screening
- Interview and training space
- Labor market information and forecasts
- Tax incentives and layoff aversion strategies

## Thank you for joining us today

