Resources for Washington businesses
Gain important insights from business leaders who utilize SharedWork for a competitive workforce advantage!

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SharedWork industry panel
In a survey of past employers using the SharedWork program:

- 97% SharedWork improved employee morale.
- 98% the program helped retain skilled workers.
- 99% would recommend SharedWork to another employer.
Industry Panel Introductions

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Where did you first hear about SharedWork?
Was there a specific reason you applied for SharedWork?
How has SharedWork helped your business?
How much time per week do you spend managing the plan, such as payment reports or on forms?
Question 5

How was workplace morale once SharedWork plan started, and after the plan was being used?
Once you decided to apply how long did it take to hear from SharedWork that the plan was approved?
What type of support do you get from SharedWork staff?
What advice would you give to employers who are thinking about signing up for the SharedWork program?
What do you consider to be the biggest barriers that prevent employers who know about SharedWork from applying?

A. They think it is too difficult to enroll.
B. They are unsure how to enroll.
C. They worry about negative reaction from their employees.
D. They worry about negative reaction from other companies.
E. They don’t fully realize the potential benefits to themselves and their workers.
F. They don’t think the labor cost reductions are sufficient.
G. They are worried about increased payroll taxes because of workers’ benefit receipt.
H. They believe that needing to lay off workers is something that “happens to other companies, not mine”
I. They think they are not eligible.
J. They have heard about bad experiences with the program.
K. They think it is too difficult to maintain/use a plan.
L. Key decision-makers are too busy with other priorities.
M. Messages about SharedWork don’t go to the right people in the company.
N. They don’t think they need SharedWork.
O. They don’t know about SharedWork.
Which of these do you think would be the most effective ways for the Employment Security Department to spread the word about SharedWork?

A. Communications from local business leaders.
B. Testimonials from other employers like you.
C. TV or radio advertising.
D. Email or US mail advertising.
E. Media interviews.
F. Employment Security-hosted Seminars or information sessions.
Open Mic – Q&A
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**

- The SharedWork program will be hosting many regional and statewide **free virtual events** for employers in Washington. Check out our event lineup: esd.wa.gov/SharedWork/events
- The SharedWork program will be hosting weekly webinars through the year end to help businesses get informed. **Wednesdays 8:15 am SharedWork Q&A for businesses. Click here to register.**
- Download the **SharedWork info card** by **clicking here.**
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Gain important insights about SharedWork and WA Cares (long-term services and supports) programs for a competitive workforce advantage!

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SharedWork and WA Cares (long-term services and supports)
Thank you!