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It's spring! We marked the season of new beginnings by hosting a grand opening at [our new WorkSource center](#) in Central Tacoma. Nearly 250 people came to check out our new location and get a tour of the 20,000 square foot space, home to 79 staff from seven different partner agencies. Pictured at right, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier and Workforce Development Council Chair April Gibson pose at the grand opening.



Center highlights:

- The new WorkSource center is serving an average of 2,300 customers per month.
- A MultiCare hiring event in February drew 400 attendees, and 120 of them were offered jobs on the spot.
- Extended Tuesday evening hours have allowed dozens of job seekers and workers who can't make it to the center during normal business hours to get served.
- None of this would be possible without the incredibly dedicated center staff, who change lives every day. Thank you!

[See Photos](#)

WorkForce Central launches Power Up Pierce initiative

We have bold goals. In February, we launched [Power Up Pierce](#), the outreach campaign for our initiative to **cut in half** the number of adults in Pierce County without a high school diploma or equivalent, and the number of young adults who aren't in school or working. Check out our website and like us on [Facebook](#)! Help us spread the word about the work we're doing so we can help ALL of Pierce County thrive.

Young adult job seekers: Coming to



[JobFest](#) on April 23? Stop by the Power Up Pierce table for free giveaways, and get your picture taken at our photo booth!

[Need a job? Are you 16-24? Register for JobFest and get hired!](#)

Spotlight: Check out our new Monthly Employment Report

Have you seen our new and improved Monthly Employment Report? Launched in February, it has data on Pierce County industry trends, wages and employment. You can also see who is hiring the most workers right now, and what skills and positions are in demand. And you can compare historical unemployment rates for the past 30 years for Pierce County, its neighbors, Washington state, and the nation.

[Learn more about Pierce County employment trends](#)

A decade after dropping out of high school, Hollynn is on her way to her dream job

Hollynn dropped out of school when she got pregnant with her first son. As a pregnant teen, she felt like she wasn't welcome at her high school.

Ten years later, Hollynn has earned her diploma through the [High School 21+ program](#) at Tacoma Community College. Now, she's taking college classes on her way to becoming a paramedic. Click the link below to hear Hollynn describe why going back to school was one of the best decisions of her life. It's never too late to graduate!



[Hollynn's Story](#)