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Sharon Pesut and Partners in Careers receive statewide workforce award

Vancouver, Wash. (Nov. 19, 2024) – Sharon Pesut and Partners in Careers (PIC) were awarded “Community Partner of the Year” at the November 14 statewide Washington Workforce Association conference.

The Vancouver-based nonprofit was selected against nominees from across the state for its dedication to helping Southwest Washington residents and youth get training and assistance to be successful in the workforce.

“Sharon and the incredible team at [Partners In Careers](https://partnersincareers.org/) have been invaluable contributors to our workforce community; their work is essential to building up the entire workforce,” said Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager for Healthcare at Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW). “PIC’s unique approach creates career pathways and builds capacity for individuals, meeting them where they are and helping them achieve sustainable success.”

Pesut, who has led Partners in Careers for the past 13 years and helped expand youth and veteran programs, among others, was lauded for her leadership, mentorship of countless individuals, collaboration with community partners and tireless behind-the-scenes efforts not only for PIC but for numerous organizations around the community.

Partners in Careers (PIC) is a nonprofit organization that strives to create self-sufficiency through specialized job training and employment services. PIC serves low-income parents who want to create stability for themselves and their children, refugees and immigrants looking for a new life in the U.S., homeless veterans wanting to reintegrate into civilian life, families recovering from domestic violence and young people striving to create successful career and life plans after high school. Visit <https://partnersincareers.org/>.

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Photos Caption – Sharon Pesut (center) receives the Washington Workforce Association’s “Workforce Partner of the Year” award on behalf of Partners in Careers, from Marissa Cahill, CEO of the Northwest Workforce Council (left) and Lisa Romine, CEO of SkillSource (right).

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), a nonprofit organization, is the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) designated by federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) legislation to oversee the public workforce system in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. WSW funds investments in community-based organizations, nonprofits and other groups that help individuals gain skills to obtain good-paying jobs or advance in their careers and help companies recruit, train and retain workers.

Washington Workforce Association (WWA) – The Washington Workforce Association (WWA) is a nonprofit nonpartisan membership organization of the 12 Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards) of Washington State. The purpose of the Washington Workforce Association (WWA) is to influence, impact and scale systems-level innovation through the collective power, advocacy and collaboration of the Washington workforce system leaders. Visit <https://washingtonworkforce.org/>.

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