

Deborah Beaudoin: Thanks, Pam.

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For the Rapid Reemployment Initiative, we just received all the final information yesterday. Job Central is working to modify our front page. The Rapid Response Initiative will link on this home page. We're hoping to have this ready within the coming weeks. This will be a tool that we can start to utilize and see how this can be helpful to both the job seeker and the employers in our state.

Connecticut also has the Career Express, which is a mobile one stop unit. It's a Winnebago with computer stations. For the last four years the Career Express has gone out statewide to local communities to assist them with job services that they may not be able to get to where our offices are located. We've definitely increased our capacity to serve and one of the areas in which we are really utilizing Career Express is at all of our public libraries. We are currently working with the state library on a collaboration where we go to libraries and we provide the services that we provide in our centers directly at the libraries. This helps us with increasing our Wagner-Peyser registrations because every individual that we may work with, whether we're working with them on a resume or job search or interviewing skills and techniques, we are also registering with Wagner-Peyser at the same time. We have seen a great increase and are looking at some other alternatives perhaps doing resume days around the state. We're seeing from our offices, our website, and from the libraries the great need for resume assistance. A lot of the people who are now out of work have not had to do a resume for 15/20 years; maybe they have never done a resume. We're looking at ways in which we may be able to go out and just sponsor days doing resumes for our clientele.

Some of the other things we're collaborating with the library are to set up information sessions for librarians. We will go out to five or six locations statewide and explain to the librarians the services we offer, how to refer people to our centers, and also how to use our website and online tools. This will assist the librarians when asked about labor market information or information on companies; they'll have a comprehensive way in which to send them to our sites so that we can help them. There are some exciting initiatives that we're working on. We're trying to finalize plans over the next couple of weeks, and we are definitely open-minded to whatever any other state is doing so that we can learn from your ideas.