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## **Miriam Martin Joins Workforce Southwest Washington as Youth Initiatives Manager**

**Vancouver, WA (Nov. 1, 2016)** – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) has hired Miriam Martin as its Youth Initiatives Manager.

Martin will be responsible for implementing youth-related strategies for workforce development. She will manage and oversee contracts with organizations providing training and employment services to young adults ages 16 to 24 that have dropped out of high school and are seeking to obtain their diploma or GED and skills and training to enable them to get work. In addition, she will outreach to community-based organizations providing services to youth to seek opportunities for partnerships.

Before joining WSW, Martin was the Intake Coordinator at Kinship House in Portland where she helped design and coordinate out-patient mental health treatment for foster care and adoptive families. While completing her master's in Social Work, she completed an advanced practicum at the Oregon Public Health Institute that focused on facilitating community outreach and engagement with an emphasis on equity.

Martin received her bachelor's degree as well as her master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University.

Companies interested in participating in youth workforce development programs can contact Martin at [mmartin@workforcesw.org](mailto:mmartin@workforcesw.org) or 360.567.3183.

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**Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)** (formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, contributes to regional economic growth by providing investments and resources to improve the skills and education of the workforce in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. WSW helps businesses find and hire the employees they need and provides people the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. WSW partners with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations. Learn more at [www.workforcesw.org](http://www.workforcesw.org).

*Serving businesses, job seekers and youth in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.*