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But we have a lot of content to share with you this morning. So I want to
make sure we have a time to get through everything. My name is Sandy
Kaiser.
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I am 1 of the employment 1st specialist for the state of Missouri.
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Steven Taylor, but is the other employment for specialist is having a
little bit of technical difficulty joining us.
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So we're going to keep everything that he is still able to join us, but
we may not be able to share much from him today. So, anyway.
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While I'm talking, I'm going to invite each of you to kind of just.
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Pop in the chat, your role. So, are you a service provider? Are you a
support coordinator? Are you some other state agency staff?
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Um, or are you.
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You know, a regional office employee.
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Or an individual family member, so.
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Just pop that in so that we can kind of have an idea of the makeup of our
audience this morning. So, champions of appointment give me a little
background with this.
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The formation of this idea. So I had started a group in the St Louis
area. We had a support coordinator identified from each of the regional
office.
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Team and each month I would get together with those support printers,
just providing some mentoring.
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Talking about employment, sharing resources in the hope that.
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We would help them a little bit more comfortable about and women, and
they could share that with their teams.
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So, then we wanted to see about how can we make this? Go statewide how
can we take the.
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The employment champions concept,
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the mentoring,
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the poor corners in the St Louis area and how can we make it work
statewide where we can have more impact on support foreigners through out
the state of Missouri especially since we're down to just.
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To employment, 1st specialist, even in myself.
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So, that's when we came up with a champions of employment many of you are
probably also very familiar with our employment 1st, Missouri, community
of practice webinar.
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Being hosted each month around a certain topic so we wanted to kind of.
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Use a similar concept of having a plan epic.
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Having an engaging conversation with the park when you're stuff that's the whole concept of the champions of employment.

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This is brand new we want to make sure that this is worthwhile of your
time that you are getting value out of it. So your feedback is going to
be very important to us and making sure that we make this event. What.
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Everybody wants it to be.
00:03:10.050 --> 00:03:14.490
So now today's topic we want to.
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We wanted to bring you some perspective, so, 3 different perspectives, we
wanted to bring you the perspective of service providers. How has the
pandemic affected?
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How services are being provided to individual through the eyes of the
service providers? We also wanted to bring that individual perspective.
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How is it for individuals with disabilities who are working during the
pandemic or.
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Employment during this pandemic, what's it been like for them? And
finally to wrap it up we wanted to bring that.
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That job to get that work force perspective. So we have a bond, right?
From our department of higher education workforce development.
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Who will bring that, how has this pandemic affected the job market? How
has it affected? What jobs are available and how people search for jobs.
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So, again, we have a lot of information kind of.
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Crammed into our our 60 minutes.
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So, we've got poll questions and chat box chatter questions, designed to
really get some participation from our attendees.
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00:04:26.369 --> 00:04:30.329
So be on the lookout for that so we're going to start off with 1 of
those.
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Questions so.
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00:04:33.928 --> 00:04:43.379
1st poll question, we want to know. Have you seen a change in
individual's interest in pursuing and retaining appointments?
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Your options are yes, no or hard to tell.
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So, start answering that you've got about minute.
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And then we'll let, you know what the results were.
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All right, so we had about.
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21 to 58 people mentioned that they have seen a changed. So majority of
you guys have been a change.
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In interest.
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The next 1 that was.
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2nd was hard to tell. So some of you are kind of like, maybe maybe not
can't really. Oh, it's it's.
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I'm sure about that. So all right about 8 of you said, no, and then there
were 16 that weren't able to respond yet. So we're going to go on to our
2nd question.
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So we want to know why do you think there has been a change in interest
and employment?
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Is it due to people staying home?
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So that's those cobit precautions.
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People just aren't going out.
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00:06:48.028 --> 00:06:54.838
Is that because people don't really have that ability to have that
meaningful conversation we're not really.
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Truly able to gauge the interest through a virtual meeting. So maybe a
disconnect there. Maybe it's because people are feeling like.
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The supports they need are not available either. There's not a provider
available.
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Or the provider's only doing virtual support.
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So, you know, the person kind of feels like I don't have the support that
I would need.
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And then the last option would be that there's a lack of job matching the
interest and ability.
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And, of course, we've got the questions. Is there an option for all of
the above and unfortunately, no, we don't, but feel free to put that in
the chat box. If you feel like that would be more appropriate.
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So, go ahead, you guys got about about a minute to answer the question.
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Okay, and it looks like our.
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Paul ended very quickly there. I don't know if we had the full minute or
what happened there. So.
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Uh, the do that we're able to respond. It looks like we had about.
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Maybe about 30 people who were able to respond there.
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We had fear of cobit.
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So, uh, staying at home.
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That was the most popular answer.
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Next in line was unable to get that support.
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So, people that felt like, maybe there weren't any providers available,
or the providers were only able to do virtual supports and they needed
more in person support.
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We only had a few people saying that lack of job, matching interest and
abilities or inability to have that meaningful conversations. It's really
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engaged.

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That interest those were the, the next.
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Yeah.
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Without further ado, then I want to get into getting to our provider
experiences. So, 1st, we're going to have Rachel we're starting to as the
director of community employment from job 1 in the Kansas City area.
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She's going to talk about how the pandemic has affected.
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Job 1 services to individual.
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Uh, during this time, so, Rachel, I'm going to go ahead and hand it over
to you to talk.
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Perfect, thank you. Sandy. Hi, everybody glad to be here. I hope
everybody's doing well, what a crazy year it's been. I'm sure everybody's
been feeling that way.
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So, you know, through this cobra pandemic, there's been some things that
have changed some that haven't. We just, we have a lot more safety
protocols in place, and there's been a lot of different places where we
are following safety protocols.
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So, in our office, we've started to have health screening questionnaire
for our clients and staff just to make sure that everybody is health is
as healthy as can be to try and limit exposure.
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And just following the different guidelines from CDC, health department
and different employer policies.
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We've been trying to keep up with all of our individuals that are in the community working and just make sure that we are educated on that end as well to help them be able to succeed and stay healthy.

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And then with scheduling, you know, that's been another thing. That's just changed. We've had to get a lot more flexible with scheduling in office. We've gotten to an, a, and B schedule another way to try and limit exposure.

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So our staff has had to adapt still working from home sometimes, but they're still going into the community still meeting with clients. Everything is still very individualized.

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So, whether or not the client is comfortable going out in the community, or wants to schedule.

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Meetings over an online platform, like zoom or teams we just are we just keep trying to be as flexible as we can and provide as many options as we can so that we can provide as meaningful services as possible.

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And we ourselves so thankful for technology I think everyone has grown in the use of technology staff and individuals and if that's been a learning curve.

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But I think I've seen a lot of progress with that as well with just having different options available and making the use out of what resources we have as well as individuals that we serve.

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And we always try and be creative. We've had to get even more creative, and the way that we are providing services again, just to keep it individualized, we've done virtual home visits, which I think has gone really well.

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So 1 thing that's been nice with being able to do some virtual platforms is having being able to talk to some support staff that might be hard to get a hold of and that just gives us easier access. So that has been phenomenal as well.

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And from so we had about 78% of our individuals that were working when
mid March, when the.
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When everything's shut down, we had 70% were either laid off they guit or
lost their job, but I'm glad to say that about 78%. 57% are back to work.
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So, we've seen a lot of progress in individuals continuing to find
employment, whether they got their jobs back, or they were able to find
something new. So we were really happy to see that increase.
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And a lot of the clients that we have right now that are not working, or
seeking employment are just because they cannot go out in the community
for various reasons.
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And there hasn't been much change in damage funding, but we are
appreciative of the increase in flexibility in providing those services
damage did a phenomenal job, getting the information out. As soon as
everything.
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Was switching to virtual and giving us the opportunity to do that. So we
can still have meaningful conversations with our individual continue to
get to know them in a safe way. So that's been great. And then compare it
to.
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Nothing's really changed it to be our besides. We do have some milestones
that do have increased amounts relating to our initial plan and.
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Our placements,
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and they did increase a little bit for job coaching to acknowledging
those challenges that we were having in helping individuals,
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find employment and that we were still,
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we have always continue to be in the community providing services.

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And just trying to stay prepared and on top of things during this pandemic, and following the, the constant changes in different policies and procedures mandates is just to maintain the health and safety of our clients and staff.

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Everything has been super intentional to make sure that everybody's taken care of and try and limit as much exposure as we can and continuing to keep everything individualized and just continuing to stay flexible and creative with

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00:14:48.234 --> 00:14:49.464 those services.

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And it's been a priority of just making sure that our individuals that we work with, that are essential workers that they just get the sports.

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They need whether it be on the job off the job, extra trainings and health and safety, and just make sure that they have the knowledge that they need to keep working and keep going strong and stay as healthy as possible.

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And I think just the uncertainty has been a big fear of ours, just with everything changing. We just continue to pivot do the best. We can work as a team.

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And we've seen a lot of increases I think there's been a lot of team effort. I've seen continue between my staff, and then individuals we serve and their support team.

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Communication has been great trying everybody just getting together having sessions to talk everything out.

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And make sure that our individuals have the support. So, you know, we had a house manager who worked with it to make sure that the individual had the technology. So we're able to meet with them, do a virtual home visit. And so that's been great.

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And I think that 1 of the biggest things is that I've gotten from, this is just the use of technology.

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The fact that we can just individualize things even more. We've seen that some of our clients.

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Had actually done better on zoom because they almost have that transition of getting to know us without having to go somewhere and meet us.

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And so I think that's something that I would kind of like to see continue on an individualized basis.

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To just provide that support, get to know some people, and then ease into that transition of meeting in person to provide those services. So, I think we have had some positive things come out of this as well.

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So much Rachel no, I did not see any questions pop up in the chat box. So.

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For those attendees, please feel free to.

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Put questions in the chat bot for a time, we may move on to next speaker. So if.

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The current speaker that you're asking, the question of doesn't have time to respond to your questions. We will make sure that we get those answers and we will post them on our website with the materials from this webinar. So.

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Thank you Rachel so I want to move on to our next guest speaker. Who is Nicholas? Andrew Alexander he is also a manager of employment services from the Kansas City area.

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He comes from Easter seals, Midwest. So, Nicholas briefly, how have things changed for your organization during the pandemic? What what did you see happen?

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Yeah, so like Rachel said the safety protocol is, is.

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The most obvious thing we took about 2 weeks off where we stopped in person services. I am happy to say that we never stopped services completely when we did those 2 weeks off we did a lot of virtual stuff with individuals.

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So, we can keep working with them, but during those 2 weeks, we developed our protocol. We bought thermometers, and we did everything we could to.

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Make a plan to come back safely. That plan is obviously involved. So we start with just health checks and deep cleaning of the office daily cleaning, all that kind of stuff since in our scheduling. So that.

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There's no overlap between what staff works with what individual because we, we got worried about, like, there'd be a chain reaction where.

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1, stop gives it to an individual, gives it to another staff and then read to their entire caseload. So it just had to be really.

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Particular about how we plan to make sure there's no overlap and keep everybody safe.

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You know,
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we have seen a reduced reduction in our referrals,
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just with everything,
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going on with the away list and coded and there's just we,
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I have people who I know are interested in services but there's the
funding hasn't been there.
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And then, as far as our and point numbers go, I feel we've done really
well about 25% of the individuals that we've been supporting and our
employment and Pre employment, stop place. So we got 25 placements in the
last.
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9 months, which is actually it's about where we expect speed with there
wasn't a pandemic. And that's including that we have about 10% of our
individuals that are just refusing to job search because they're.
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Scared of everything that's going on. They don't think it's safe. They
don't think that there's a good fit. Um, so.
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We had so we've been very successful with getting our placements.
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A lot of our individuals were able to continue working through the
pandemic with very little pause about 15 of them, and then 12 individuals
that have their hours cut or were laid off on.
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But most of them are back to work now, or at least exploring job options.
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So, what procedures are practices? Would you like to see continue passes pandemic.

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So the biggest thing I saw, like Rachel said was the use of technology because.

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So, for example, these fields, we have a Pre program that involves classroom time.

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So, when this all started 1 of the things that we implemented was doing those classroom times over zoom, and it was so effective, maybe not quite as effective as in person. And we didn't get the volunteer experience that came along with it.

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But if there were communities that are currently unable to be served by those group programs, I think that's a very viable option where you have 1 individual from billing billing 1, individual from sweet brings all joining in on the zoom call to learn those skills.

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And then, it's also just really stress the importance of flexibility with our programs with our funders, everything like that. Because when everything 1st happened, we saw a decrease in our day program numbers.

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Because obviously, we didn't want to have a ton of people gathering in our building. But we're able to make up for that by diverting to our other different programs. We have autism specialist, doing individual skill development for us.

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Here in Kansas City. We have people program going to the community living. We had our preemployment staff filling in for summer work. So, because we were able to remain so flexible as an agency.

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It allowed us to keep our staff doing well, our individuals making progress and everything run ran thoroughly smoothly.

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Awesome Thank you so much. 150 00:21:52.493 --> 00:21:52.763 So, 1.51 00:21:52.763 --> 00:21:53.273 again, 152 00:21:53.273 --> 00:21:56.364 I am not seeing any questions in the test class for you, 153 00:21:56.364 --> 00:22:03.923 but I will note that when she is providing some updates about our empowering through employment authorization, 154 00:22:04.973 --> 00:22:12.713 that are basically what we've seen throughout 2020 is that our authorizations have remain stable. 155 00:22:13.044 --> 00:22:17.243 We had about 1039 individuals receiving employment services in March. 156 00:22:21.953 --> 00:22:33.743 And as of the current month, we, we have a 1034 people with an authorization, not much changed their notes that there have actually been increases in Albany, Clarksville, popplets and sites. 1.57 00:22:33.743 --> 00:22:41.963 So, which leads me to our next guest speaker. Eric Henderson is the director of employment services. 158 00:22:41.963 --> 00:22:54.894 For trendline consulting, which is out of our case driver area so trying to give a little different perspective, we had 2 providers from the Kansas City area and now. 159 00:22:57.269 --> 00:23:10.769 A left metropolitan, more role net, completely world, but more rural area

than the Kansas City area. So, Eric, I'm going to let you take it and

talk about what you see.

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I appreciate it for this opportunity also. Yvonne, right? And Dwayne, she made her kind of former mentors of mine at different periods and I look up to very much. So this is a great opportunity for me.

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So, as Sandy mentioned, we do serve the Cape gerardo area. Our primary counties are Perry county and Saint Jen County, which are north of that and very rule.

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We are also only with your provider.

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So, that may be unique to some providers that are on this call.

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So, when cobit happened with us, we did have a couple of individuals lose employment, but.

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1 of the things that doing Tommy as a former when he was, my supervisor was that these don't look at these things as negative ways. They'll look at as mistakes. These are opportunities and that's how we chose to look at this.

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We used a choice with staff and consumers with their comfort level.

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As far as whether they wanted to meet in person, or virtually, also, whether they were comfortable going to work or not as well as, like, our job coaches, are they comfortable going? So we used informed choice on every level.

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And always, some consumers lose jobs. We had other consumer gain jobs due to Coke hid in our areas, the rural areas, including the city of Kate gerardo. It seems like openings actually increased.

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We had quite a bit of job openings in the area. And it may have a result of coached or not.

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But just like, we were deciding whether we wanted to go to work or not, we were allowing the consumers to take that same choice. Of course, we use all social distancing, mass, all of that.

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And for the providers out there, we did go, we did get the funding so we did have a little safety net there.

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Our services decreased exponentially, uh, when it hit, we went to a lot of virtual sessions.

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But being in a rural area, some of our consumers didn't have Internet access. Some of them.

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Had really significant transportation issues, or just weren't comfortable meeting in person.

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So we had to get pretty creative with it and the virtual sessions really helped us stay afloat and it allowed us to operate a lot more creatively. So I know is looking at whether to make that a more long term opportunity or not for providers.

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But I know it really helped support the consumers we serve, especially in a rural area.

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When we took advantage of the loan, um, as a provider, having such a significant decrease in services.

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And paying everyone, we also saw that as an opportunity.

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We created teams to work on different projects to make our provider better and to allow us all to be more competent. So.

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We looked into and started the process of becoming an employment network. We started getting into compliance with accreditation. We had multiple teams working on curriculum for Pre, vocational.

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Services we now have to certified benefits planners. Myself included. My biggest gripe for Kobe is that I had to do that. That manual is huge.

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We worked on assessment projects, but we try to get really creative in if we can't serve consumers directly.

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How can we still get better as a provider operate with integrity with tax payer money, utilizing and come out on the other end better than we were before.

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As things have started to stabilize, all of our consumers have gone to work.

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And actually, we have more consumers employed now than we did prior to coven. 1 of the things that really helped and fundings on this list is where.

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Our county stepped up, and I think we have someone on the phone call to definitely helped me out at any point.

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But Pamela's she's a unique individual in a unique position working for I guess I target case management agency here and.

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I believe we probably increase referrals as well are sheltered workshop and again, we're just a provider, but are sheltered workshop lost a lot of contracts. They lost work as well.

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So, uh, really helped to support coordinators. Understand. This is actually an opportunity for those individuals in the workshop to explore stuff. They've never thought of before they've never explored.

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So, our support coordinators were great in talking to the consumers and giving them that opportunity. So we have a lot of individuals now currently going through that discovery process. If they choose to return to the workshop. That's great.

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But we have a lot that are expressing interest in doing more and that's very exciting.

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Some other really cool things is that I'm going to give 1 consumer example I try to get this consumer on, but she's 19 and very shy. She used some choice words with me that I probably can't.

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Say for even suggesting it, but this is a really cool example where Pam with our targeted management.

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Agency helped us with this as well, but I know this state, right doing it. Like, everybody's involved in grading services.

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I've heard a lot about writing services, and we were actually able to do this with our youth program where they provided some of the funding for our business and we were able to provide the supports this individual worked at a hospital.

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And when Kobe hit, she immediately lost her job. They went to essential employees cut .

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To skeleton staff, and we were able to help her find another job working at the local high school. And that's something that might become more long term.

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She now has a really good resume with 2 different things on it, but we worked really closely with wioa and our support coordinators.

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To really make sure this individual had ongoing support even through and it was just a really cool collaboration.

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So that's the 1st time I've seen it work within different agencies, but
it was that grading of services for those consumers was a very cool
experience.
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And the only other thing, knowing that we had kind of have different
audiences on this phone call.
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00:29:12.719 --> 00:29:18.509
Is like for the support coordinators in our communities, the 3 counties
we serve.
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00:29:18.509 --> 00:29:23.098
This has actually been an opportunity that a lot of our consumers, I
don't think ever.
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Realized with a sheltered workshops, kind of shutting down or slowing
down.
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We've had more referrals in all 3 of those counties and.
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00:29:31.979 --> 00:29:36.203
Just those conversations that don't always take place or have before it's
really exciting.
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00:29:36.203 --> 00:29:47.124
It's, it's really fun to talk to those consumers who will I'm sure
they've been exposed, but when they're in our office, they act like,
they've never, you know, no one's that are asking these questions before.
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00:29:47.489 --> 00:29:52.888
And it's really, really exciting and then the last thing I wanted to say
for.
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00:29:52.888 --> 00:29:57.929
What we hope to do as an agency and going forward what we've learned from
this.
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Is that we're starting to move forward in accreditation? I know the other 2.

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Providers are already a part of that, but that's definitely made us better. And we use this experience to explore those options.

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We now have new internal policies. We have better trained staff. We have better relationships with our support coordinators and the consumers than we've ever had having to be creative.

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And, uh, spending more time with him on the phone than we ever have.

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Uh, you know, normally on the phone, we just kind of set up appointments and say, all right, when are we going to meet in person and we would always come with such kind of a structured curriculum or an idea of what we hope to do.

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But over the phone, it's hey, what's going on it's allowed us to take a much more holistic approach and listen to them beyond our agenda. And I like to say we do that.

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Any way, but not near to the extent that we've been able to do it with. So I feel like we're better as a result because of the resources that we have in our communities.

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I'm also kind of loosening the guidelines to allow providers to be more creative. And then also, if Pam's on the call, like our, our.

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I guess provide our targeted case managers down here are great and the.

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Better we work with them the more we've been able to get through this in a way that's benefited everybody.

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So, it's definitely been hard at times we've, we've definitely lost money, but using the resources we have available I think we're. 221 00:31:33.868 --> 00:31:38.663 Coming out better than we were before. All right. Thank you. So much Eric. 222 00:31:38.663 --> 00:31:53.634 I know Dwayne, it popped in a question for support coordinators asking if there were stories where they have worked closely with employment server providers to build confidence and safe opportunities for continuing individual career pathways. 223 00:31:53.634 --> 00:31:56.784 So, corporate or something for you to think about. 224 00:31:57.088 --> 00:32:06.838 I think Steven has joined us now, so I'm going to allow Steven to kind of take the rain here for a moment. So, Steven. 225 00:32:06.838 --> 00:32:12.598 I was like it now I had some technical difficulties. 226 00:32:12.598 --> 00:32:21.778 So, the next question for the ChatterBox here is was there anything that surprised you about the service providers and experiences. 227 00:32:25.739 --> 00:32:29.459 So, I guess I went to responses. 228 00:32:29.459 --> 00:32:32.969 Yeah, we'll give it about a minute. Okay. 00:32:37.739 --> 00:32:41.909 Like, 1 thing, while we're waiting on that 1 things that. 230 00:32:41.909 --> 00:32:45.058 I just kind of talk about the importance of the flexibility, but. 231

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We did not have a plan for anything like this.

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Before until March, but now, I think moving forward.
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If we ever have a product catastrophic, whether it's pandemic, natural
disaster, anything.
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00:32:58.078 --> 00:33:06.808
We can we have a playbook almost, so that's really nice to know. It's
kind of a release that I didn't even know. I was just like on that with
him and I was shocked about.
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Yeah, I think we're definitely ready to.
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00:33:13.378 --> 00:33:17.398
We experience another event like this again.
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So, I'm not seeing anything pop up in the chat box.
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00:33:25.229 --> 00:33:29.489
So, we're going to move on.
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So, we've got 2 individuals.
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Willing to share their personal experiences. So Ashley is from.
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The western side of the state, she was taking a job and got a job during
this pandemic.
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00:33:47.189 --> 00:33:57.989
So, I'm with Ashley, so, Ashley, what was it like, searching for a job
during this pandemic? Did you back to different.
00:33:57.989 --> 00:34:05.848
I did 2 calls with my job recruiter.
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Okay, so instead of the person you were doing a virtual.
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00:34:11.784 --> 00:34:25.764
Zoom calls with your job recruiter. Okay. Yeah. And she also had to do
differently no, not that I can remember. Okay.
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00:34:26.333 --> 00:34:32.364
So then you also got a job during this time. So, what is that like.
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00:34:34.559 --> 00:34:41.369
Crazy so crazy. How has it been crazy?
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00:34:41.369 --> 00:34:49.829
Everybody has to wear through mask while working, and we have to stay 6
feet away from everybody.
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00:34:49.829 --> 00:34:56.998
Okay, so kind of like the social distancing the wearing the mask so.
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00:34:56.998 --> 00:35:02.998
What did I just like.
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00:35:02.998 --> 00:35:15.568
Good, I guess have you been receiving in person job coaching, or has been
more virtual using, you know.
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00:35:15.568 --> 00:35:19.289
Your phone and camera.
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00:35:21.653 --> 00:35:29.844
I guess for troll, but nobody ever really checks upon me on how I'm
doing.
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00:35:34.434 --> 00:35:44.123
Maybe with Ashley, you have something you want to add there. Yeah. So
actually, definitely did not receive the in person support.
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She normally would have because the location she was placed, that was not
accepting job coaches right now. So.
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Everything has been virtual, um, luckily she's a great hard worker and it hasn't been a problem for her, but it could have been a problem for other individuals.

00:36:02.099 --> 00:36:13.139 Great. So, Ashley, what's your biggest fears been during this time? 258 00:36:14.483 --> 00:36:25.193 I do not have no fear. All right. What is that those of your family members have have your family members been afraid of you working during this? 259 00:36:28.583 --> 00:36:43.014 No, no. Okay. Thank you. Ashley. We appreciate your willingness to share your experience. I want to introduce is often now a little different from Ashley. 260 00:36:43.554 --> 00:36:48.353 Austin was looking for employment, so he hasn't found it yet. 261 00:36:48.384 --> 00:37:01.523 He was participating and what we call that, that we're adding that just cover process exploration, trying to, to find out what makes a good fit for him. 262 00:37:02.969 --> 00:37:09.568 So, awesome, I'm going to kind of kind of things over to you and what the then like. 263 00:37:09.568 --> 00:37:17.789 Doing those discovery activities during this pandemic, it's been. 00:37:17.789 --> 00:37:21.539 Slow on and. 00:37:25.978 --> 00:37:29.579 We had to go to a call. 266 00:37:29.579 --> 00:37:38.068 Did I understand virtual so where we were contacting businesses. 267

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Using zoom or or phone.

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And just talking to them versus being able to see the business in person.
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Yeah, okay. So.
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What do you feel like you've been able to get a.
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00:38:02.518 --> 00:38:07.139
Good of a feeling and good information doing things virtually.
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00:38:07.139 --> 00:38:12.300
As you would have if you had done it in person. Yeah.
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00:38:12.300 --> 00:38:19.230
Okay, so still kind of a success you were able to to find out some
information, maybe get some good.
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00:38:19.230 --> 00:38:24.659
That helped you with trying to identify that good job.
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00:38:24.659 --> 00:38:30.719
What what was your fear been during this time?
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00:38:30.719 --> 00:38:34.889
Um, getting it and.
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00:38:34.889 --> 00:38:42.750
Dying base. Oh, definitely. I think we all have that. Fear don't want to
get sick.
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00:38:42.750 --> 00:38:52.199
So, have your family family members had fears about you participating in
jobs? Searching activities joined.
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This team dynamics.
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No, because they are all done.
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This is Tim.
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Okay, they've been working, so they kind of knows as long as you're
keeping a mask on keeping a safe distance and following safe procedures,
you're probably going to be. Okay. Yeah. Okay.
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00:39:18.655 --> 00:39:20.934
So what about the supports? You've been receiving.
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Hello.
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00:39:26.909 --> 00:39:39.300
Still been able to adapt.
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00:39:39.300 --> 00:39:44.909
I, she was.
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00:39:44.909 --> 00:39:59.429
So, I think Brianna is there with you and she's been your employment
specialist so ran, do you have something? Do you want to add there? Yeah,
so really just kind of like everybody else has just been a lot of
adapting. I would say.
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Awesome send a trooper, I'm glad I know at 1st to started.
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00:40:03.929 --> 00:40:10.050
We are able to go into some health care facilities, which is something
that he was really interested in. Is that right? Before pandemic?
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Um, we're able to be in person and and get hands on.
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And then shortly after a lot of those places close, and even now.
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We're not sure when we can get back in there and so it's been awesome how I've always been able to be thankful for technology and different things. So we get.

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Still have a close to experience to that and so make this connections.

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You only can't be there and I just.

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We are glad to be here in question today, but a lot of it's just been a lot of adapting to figure out what works. So we can find the best it for Austin. This continues to look for employment during this time.

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Awesome. So Austin and actually, I can't Thank you enough for sharing your personal experiences about what it's been like, during this pandemic. We do have a couple of questions that.

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Attendees have kind of posed in the chat box. 1 of my think not everybody has been able to see.

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So we have a sort of provider that has regional across the state and basically this provider has asked if.

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Okay, try virtual job coaching. And how does that work? You guys have any input on that? Please put that into the chat.

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The other questions that I think everybody has been able to see is.

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We have done by asking about that.

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People looking for jobs may find the, the virtual office and comfortable so how to help people become a little bit more comfortable with that virtual process.

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So, and then we're going, we've got we've also got a chat box chat a
question.
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00:41:57.510 --> 00:42:06.599
So, Steven, go ahead and take it. All right. Have you heard any similar
experiences from those on your case loan?
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00:42:08.099 --> 00:42:15.059
So, if you'll just answer that we will get back when we get to the
replies.
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00:42:16.920 --> 00:42:20.250
All right.
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00:42:20.250 --> 00:42:24.449
All right, so please take a moment to kind of.
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00:42:24.449 --> 00:42:35.039
Put some thought into the chat box for time sake, we're going to kind of
keep moving along.
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00:42:35.784 --> 00:42:47.784
So, our next bond, right? She's the deputy directory, senior manager of
policy and partnerships with Missouri's Department of higher education,
workforce development.
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00:42:48.264 --> 00:42:56.244
So, Yvonne take it away. Well, good morning. Everybody. And thank you
very much Sandy for organizing this.
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00:42:56.635 --> 00:43:03.684
It's been a pleasure to be working with you over the last few weeks to
get this organized and I hope I can provide some great information for
you today.
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00:43:03.900 --> 00:43:07.559
Um, probably a lot of you who I have a.
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Been around in the past Steven, you're a big blast for my past as well
but, you know, before I came over to workforce development, I was with
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vocational rehabilitation for.

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Just shy 25 years so this is like, a little bit, like coming home for me
a little bit and it's it's always fun and exciting when I can.
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00:43:26.369 --> 00:43:38.219
Get back into my, um, my old network of folks, although we're all in this
together and I want to start and 1st of all, I'll say, congratulations to
Ashley. Congratulations, Ashley. That's.
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00:43:38.219 --> 00:43:44.550
Just awesome and Austin good luck and continue at it. Don't give up.
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00:43:44.550 --> 00:43:52.380
You will find work even in these trying times. So I just wanted to say, I
always love hearing how folks are doing.
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00:43:52.380 --> 00:44:01.469
With their job search and the successes that we all experience, um, and
get to experienced by, by serving our customers.
00:44:01.469 --> 00:44:06.239
So, what I'm going to do is and you see that the questions on this slide,
but I'm going to.
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00:44:06.239 --> 00:44:11.039
I'm gonna zoom out pretty big for at 1st, and talk a little bit about the
job market.
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And I'm going to talk about it from a national level because.
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00:44:14.099 --> 00:44:20.280
The statistics that I'm going to be sharing, actually, they're both
national. It's a national perspective, but it's also Missouri.
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I look at Missouri as well, but what is happening nationally is also
happening in the theory. So.
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Uh, it will pertain and then I'm going to zoom in and I'm going to talk a

little bit about what is going on.

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In Missouri, uh, and what we have done, um, and what we see over at
workforce development, as far as job search activities are changing.
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And I'm not going to over, do the data.
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00:44:45.360 --> 00:44:48.809
For you, I am not a data person myself.
00:44:48.809 --> 00:45:02.940
Um, I, it's interesting but I, I don't get deep into it, but I do want to
share a few things with you as far as occupational data and I don't think
what I'm going to share with. You is really going to come as a surprise
to anybody because of.
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00:45:02.940 --> 00:45:07.619
Obviously of coven, but over the last year.
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00:45:07.619 --> 00:45:10.980
Um, occupations that have increased from.
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00:45:10.980 --> 00:45:16.889
In November 2020, so last November, compared to the year before that.
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00:45:16.889 --> 00:45:20.159
The occupations that have seen the most increase.
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Have been in labor and material movers.
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00:45:23.280 --> 00:45:27.929
And truck drivers, so that makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? Because.
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00:45:27.929 --> 00:45:31.380
You know, I don't know about you, but I have been home.
00:45:31.380 --> 00:45:34.530
I don't know quite a bit. I'm, I'm working now.
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00:45:34.530 --> 00:45:41.369
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Part time in my office, and I've done a lot of shopping online a lot more than I should have and.

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There's a need for those material handlers and those laborers and the truck drivers to deliver.

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Uh, those goods, um, because we changed the way that we.

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Um, shop, and the way that we get our goods in our services, even remembering the toilet paper.

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You know, um, crisis where we, you know, uh, all kind of went crazy that we to shift those supplies back. There has to be.

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You know, a way for those things to move and interestingly enough where we've seen a decrease in the same time, period, last November versus the year before that.

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Has been with software developers and in computer occupation. So I'm gonna come back to that. When I talk about Missouri.

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Just a little bit where we have as far as.

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Industry bigger and industry.

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Where we've seen an increase same time, period where are we going to increase.

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Is in services to buildings and dwellings. 1 thing that hasn't really decreased is the housing market. We may start seeing that occur.

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But we haven't really seen a decrease in that area. So there's a high need for services to buildings and dwellings.

349 00:46:48.659 --> 00:46:53.340 Um, to take care of the stuff dwelling and this will come as a surprise to no 1. 350 00:46:53.340 --> 00:46:59.789 That, um, the 2nd highest is in health and professional and personal care services. 351 00:46:59.789 --> 00:47:05.909 So, obviously we're seeing a rise in those kinds of occupations and then. 352 00:47:05.909 --> 00:47:11.460 Uh, before I get to Missouri, I want to just continue to stay zoom back out and share with you just. 353 00:47:11.460 --> 00:47:17.880 3 things that this is actually out of a national article, but it's stuff that we discuss. 354 00:47:17.880 --> 00:47:27.360 Quite frequently here at the office of workforce development with our job centers, and the customers that come in and I wanted to share with you 3 big trends. 355 00:47:27.360 --> 00:47:32.190 That have occurred, um, within, um. 356 00:47:32.190 --> 00:47:36.719 With in regard to the job market, uh, 1 of them is. 00:47:36.719 --> 00:47:44.130 That, um, we have that as far as the economy actually changing and where it is sitting at this point. 358 00:47:44.130 --> 00:47:47.789 Is we have found that people have left the workforce all together? 359 00:47:47.789 --> 00:47:51.719

And have not come back and they're just not coming back. So.

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I'll talk to Dwayne and me for a minute, Dwayne and I are are, I'm actually at retirement age.

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Uh, excuse me, retirement years and Dwayne is is very, very close to that so we could retire. So.

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There are people who were eligible for retirement last year.

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Who, instead of, you know, maybe they had to go home and work for a little while. They just chose not to come back.

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So, we are seeing though, that working age people, even as part of the labor force have just chosen, not to come back yet, which is just very interesting. I think I.

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That just as is incredibly interesting to me. The number of people who have been out of work long term, continues to rise.

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And that should be of no shock to anyone. We, we know that unemployment benefits.

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Were, uh, recently extended and, um, increased for quite a while in 2020.

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And, uh, that is because people are still tasting, um, out of work for a longer period of time.

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And then finally, the other interesting thing.

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That has happened to our economy, is it unemployment has fallen from the worst. Unemployment is decreased.

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Okay, but the gaps among demographic groups have white, and they
specifically talk about black, Hispanic, Asian and white.
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White workers by gender, and I've seen articles recently where women.
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Are more impacted, but let's throw individuals with disabilities into
that group. It does not mention.
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That is part of the demographic, but, um, I can assure you, and we know
that there are demographics and data out there that does show.
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That, um, that there are widening gaps.
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Um, with those demographic groups, those individuals, those groups.
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That are staying unemployed longer.
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So, I wanted to just give you that kind of wide angle lens of what is
going on.
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Across the nation, but let me talk to you very quickly about what's going
on in Missouri like everybody else.
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We have experienced the impact of cobit in.
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And actually early on to mid March to the end of March of last year.
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We actually ended up closing our job centers.
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For several months, and we have slowly. 384 00:50:16.440 --> 00:50:20.579 About summer we started reopening those jobs there's the public. 385 00:50:20.579 --> 00:50:25.650 And then actually, this fall again, we went to a by appointment only. 386 00:50:25.650 --> 00:50:32.309 Situation for our job centers so if someone comes to a job center and 1 services, they can certainly call on the phone. 387 00:50:32.309 --> 00:50:35.699 But they would, um, see a sign on the door that says. 388 00:50:35.699 --> 00:50:45.570 Um, we're meeting by appointment only we've extended that appointment only period through mid February and we review and evaluate that all the time. My boss. 389 00:50:45.570 --> 00:50:49.230 Dr leathers we have discussions about, um. 390 00:50:49.230 --> 00:50:56.489 When when is a good time to go ahead and open the centers back up for public to flow in. But we have this. 391 00:50:56.489 --> 00:51:00.239 Same situations that everybody else is having we. 392 00:51:00.239 --> 00:51:12.150 Deal with, I would say, I don't I, I'm not I would say a great percentage of the individuals that we serve through our job centers because we've never stopped serving customers all during. 393 00:51:12.150 --> 00:51:18.360 Even if it had to switch to phone calls, we never stopped and I would say that we have served.

A majority of those customers are people who are getting unemployment

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insurance.

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Our partners over at the division of employment security.
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It's just too much of a big love when you got all those books out of
work, and they're wanting to.
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Uh, they're wanting to file a claims, so we have been assisting our
partners over it, uh, employment security for some time now, and helping
people file for unemployment claims.
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We're still doing that. It's not quite as much as it was before.
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But we're still doing that and believe it or not. I talked about the
computer.
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World of it, those jobs, um.
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Postings are going down, but you know what what's really interesting is
that we were able to get.
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Some cares act funding because of coldest and we were able to get a
grant.
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To focus on, uh, cobit and those grants, and that funding went directly
for training opportunities.
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Free training opportunities for eligible individuals.
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For our job centers, and I'm just going to share with you, we are having
a hard time in selling training to folks.
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We have folks that actually they're, they probably mirror some of their, your poll questions.

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They're afraid now our trainings are online, so they can be done, you know, in the home. But then you have issues with technology.

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Um, we've got people who frankly are still.

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Afraid to get out and go to work. So, even if they completed training, they're not really interested in working at this time. But we've had a heck of a time.

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Selling training opportunities right now, even though they're free.

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To folks that are accessing the service, so I just want to share that with you that we, we, it's a daily conversation and.

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And we have changed a lot of ways that we approach that.

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And finally, cause I know I've used a lot of my time up.

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We have to get created we have to do things differently.

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And so, uh, to the last question of how job search activities that change since March.

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Um, we've never stopped serving customers, but what we're doing is we're doing things a little differently.

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I bet that in the St Louis area, in fact, I know.

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That this is occurred, there are things like, drive free job fairs, drive
that job fairs where.
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You know, we, we have the social systems thing, and people can drive up
in their vehicle.
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Submit an application sometimes even interview for social from a social
distance.
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So, we're learning new ways to deal.
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With things and Colvin, and then another piece has been that we have
offered virtual job fairs. In fact, we did several.
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And the latter part of 2020, and we're doing some more in 2021.
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Um, so this, all virtual, so that employers and.
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Job seekers can beat up virtually and we've done general ones and we've
actually targeted some, like, in healthcare.
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So, every day I hear of new ways that folks that are trying to.
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Uh, work together and serve the customers in a new and different way and.
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That's not only the job seekers, but the employers and with that, I think
all.
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Stop I know I'm more than use at my time. If you do have any questions,
let me know if you're interested in more data.
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You can always get it for you and thank you.
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Thank you so much Yvonne I will tell you, we just got a question in the
chat back so I'm going to throw this out to you to maybe.
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Put a response, we can definitely post it on our website. The question
is, how do we get the information on the free training and are they for
persons with limited computer skills?
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So, Helen, thank you so much for asking that question as part of the
reason that I make sure I shared it in case. There were interested folks.
Why don't you email me? And I'm going to very quickly.
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Type my email address.
00:55:07.769 --> 00:55:14.219
In the chat, why don't you just email me? And I will make sure that you
get.
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00:55:14.219 --> 00:55:23.760
Um, the information that you need, the easiest way to get you, the
information would be to also connect you with the, the local job center
that would be providing the training so that it's.
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If you or someone you're working with is interested in training I want to
be able to make that quick connection for you.
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And are the persons with limited computer skills.
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What I will tell you is that yes, we have different levels of training.
We have we're working right now with a company called company is very
well known in the employer world.
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And we actually are are, uh, offering.

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Different levels of training, so I am going to encourage.
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You to at least investigate it and and have a conversation with somebody
at the job center, which I can help connect you up with.
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In order to see if this will work in your case.
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00:56:07.710 --> 00:56:21.030
And I hope that helps him please do email me. All right. Thank you. I
know we are quickly running out of time so we have 1, last chat class
chatter Steven.
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Okay, how can you use this information to help those on your case?
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So, if you will give a response to that question.
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All right, and while people are putting comments in a chat box, I'm going
to keep moving along. We also have 1 last poll question.
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So, Steven, have you found any useful tools or resources and having
discussions about employment with individuals and families during this
pathogenic?
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Yes, no, not sure. You're still out so.
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We'll see what that comes out, right on the.
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So.
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So, the responses that come in, Stephen, are you able to see this.
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Yes, looks like on yesterday 13.
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So, no, 8.
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And I'm not sure 11.
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So those are the results. All right.
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Just to give you an idea of what we have planned for our future champions
of employment. So, February, 10.
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We will be talking about useful tools and resources that support careers
can be using during this pandemic.
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March 10, we're going to be looking to the future, continuing our
promising practices beyond the pandemic. So looking at what we have found
to be.
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Break practices that we want to see continue and then April, 40, we're
kind of moving the pandemic and we're going to start talking about the
importance of employment planning.
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So getting a person perspective on why is it important to help
individuals plan for employment?
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So last minute reminders.
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We have a survey at the end of this webinar. So please, please take to
build out. We are going to be using that information to make this event.
What.
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It's gonna be useful and beneficial to you guys, we want this to be worth
your time. So your feedback is very, very important to us. And again, we
can do this without our presenters. So thank each.
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Of you for spending time and sharing your unique perspective. Of course,
we can't do it without the attendees as well as well. So thank you guys
for spending an hour with us. And hopefully you have gotten something out
of this.
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So, at the top of the hour, there's only 2 employment 1st, specialist
across the state of Missouri myself and I cover the eastern side of the
state.
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So Tyson popular bluff area on up through Allah St Louis, Hannibal and up
to Clarksville.
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01:00:34.769 --> 01:00:43.739
So that whole eastern side, so you can reach out to me. My phone number
63696, 1, 2, 2, 9.
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01:00:43.739 --> 01:00:56.190
And my email address is Sandy, that Kaiser and that is spelled K. E. Y.
S. E. R. H. dot Mo dot. Gov. And Steven. I'll let you.
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Talk about your area. All right.
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1st also was assigned to panelists who participate and attendance
appreciate it very much so also the Kansas City regional office poverty,
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regional office and Jonathan satellite office and so my telephone number
is 81688.
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9, 6, 9, OT to my email address is Steven Taylor that got.
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And I also want to say it's good to see you Yvonne again, and seeing her
in a while.
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All right, and I think with a webinar, so thank you all for joining us.
This morning. You guys have a wonderful week and a great month and we'll
see you in February.
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Thanks.
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