



Hello Eastern Workforce Board Partners

Happy Wednesday Everyone!

In this edition of News You Can Use you will find many useful resources, contacts and tools.

Virtual Resources

WIOA / Title I

OESC – UI Claim Contacts

OESC – Town Hall Meeting

LASO – Legal Aid Services of OK – COVID-19 Hub

Business Resources

Small Business Administration Loan Information

PPP information

OK Commerce COVID-19 Resources

Please join us for our next Partners Virtual Meeting this Friday, April 10th at 2pm. If I did not send you the e-vite let me know and I will get that do you quickly.

Want more information on a daily basis? Do you have a Facebook page? Join my Facebook page, One Stop System Operator Eastern Oklahoma Works @OSOPEWIA



WIOA – Title I staff are working from home. They are set up to conduct services virtually. Here is a list of the contact information for the Career Managers and Intake Specialists in the Eastern District.

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Sequoyah County

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Hearing and Speech Impaired contact Oklahoma Relay at 711

(<https://www.oklahomarelay.com/711.html>)
OR TDD/TTY: (800) 722-0353

Business Services:

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Application for Services

The Eastern Workforce Board website has a virtual application for WIOA services. Visit their site at: www.easternworkforceboard.org, the application for services is located under the COVID-19 Useful Links and Information.

Oklahoma Works, American Job Centers, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Resources and Contact Information.

OESC Virtual Agent

The virtual agent is available now. Visit www.ok.gov/oesc

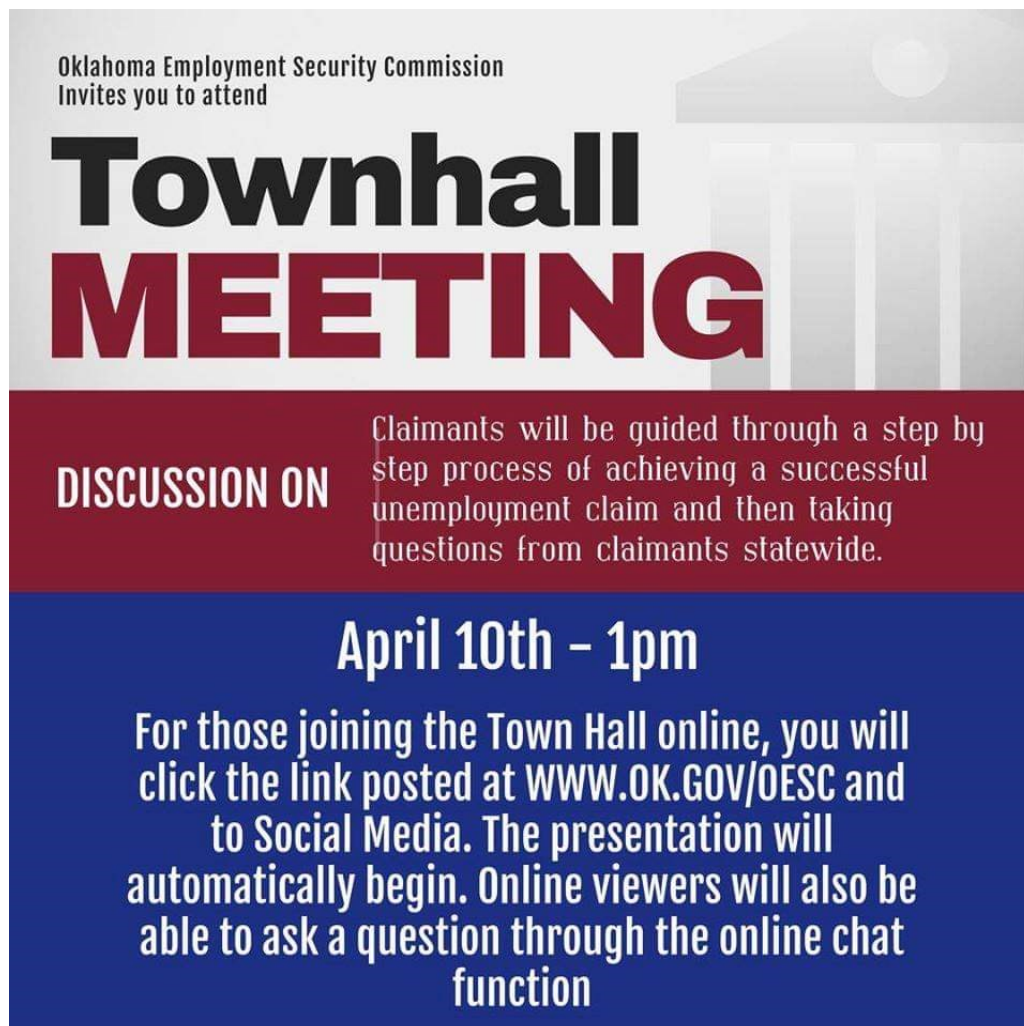
At the website there will be a “live chat” box in the bottom left corner. Here is where you can interact with an OESC employee to assist with claims, general questions, business services, etc.

OESC Direct Contact

OESC has created a direct contact via email for claimants. The individual will need to provide name, claim number (if any) and a good callback number to reach them. OESC states that individuals need to make sure they have their phone available for a call from OESC. There is not a callback feature. If the individual misses the call they may have to send their information again to the email address.

Email Contact: oesc.helps@oesc.state.ok.us

OESC Town Hall Meeting this Friday

A graphic announcement for a townhall meeting. The top section is light gray with a faint image of a classical building facade. It contains the text 'Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Invites you to attend' and 'Townhall MEETING' in large, bold letters. The middle section is a dark red horizontal band with the text 'DISCUSSION ON' and a paragraph describing the meeting's focus. The bottom section is a dark blue horizontal band with the date 'April 10th - 1pm' and a paragraph of instructions for online attendees.

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
Invites you to attend

Townhall MEETING

DISCUSSION ON Claimants will be guided through a step by step process of achieving a successful unemployment claim and then taking questions from claimants statewide.

April 10th - 1pm

For those joining the Town Hall online, you will click the link posted at WWW.OK.GOV/OESC and to Social Media. The presentation will automatically begin. Online viewers will also be able to ask a question through the online chat function

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LASO)

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma providing services thru COVID Hub

Currently, LASO is rolling out a COVID HUB. This HUB will target Oklahomans who have lost employment because of layoffs, furloughs, or COVID itself. LASO will assist with unemployment benefits, sick leave, rent and mortgage issues, consumer debt issues, Fair credit reporting, eligibility for new Federal benefits, access to benefits such as VA, SoonerCare, SNAP, and LIHEAP, and family issues. LASO will do so as case managers and deal with this full range of issues with the goal of preventing or ameliorating additional stress and securing economic stability. The LASO case will close when the client resumes full employment.

LASO expects that almost all of its case management services can be done remotely while we honor requests to distance.

A referral can call LASO at 888 534 5234 Mon thru Thursday from 9-12 and 1-4 OR apply online thru OKLegalConnect.org or both.

If the opportunity arises, please share the LASO COVID HUB resources to those who may benefit.

Business Services and Resources – Emergency Funding Programs

Small Business Administration COVID-19 Disaster Loan

Oklahoma small businesses are now eligible for the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. The program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce has staff available to assist small businesses with filling out disaster loan application forms. Companies needing assistance with the application forms and economic development organizations aiding businesses in their communities should contact Ray Little at ray.little@okcommerce.gov or 405-815-5227.

US Small Business Administration has additional information for businesses. I have provided the link below.

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

Paycheck Protection Program or PPP

The PPP is part of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security). All loan proceeds used to cover payroll, rent, mortgage interest payments and utilities during the 8 weeks after the loan funds will be forgiven. Both borrowers and lenders can find more information at the [SBA website](#).

To apply for PPP, contact your banker or a bank that provides SBA loans and fill out the PPP application form.

For questions you can contact the Oklahoma Department of Commerce at OKSBAquestions@okcommerce.gov

Additional Resources

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce has additional information and resources for businesses, non-profits, and communities. They have industry webinars, printable workplace posters by the CDC, and many other links and resources for businesses. Here is the link to take you there, <https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/>

**Businesses with job openings:
(courtesy of OKJobMatch)**

Muskogee

City of Muskogee
-Assistant Public Works Director
-Street Maintenance Worker II
-Front Desk Attendant PT
-2020 Seasonal Jobs – Waterpark
-HR Specialist
-Program Event/Maintenance PT

Best Buy Here Pay Here

-Assistant Manager

USPS

-Rural Carrier PT

Bios Group

-Entry Level Staff

Kum n Go

-General Manager

-Food Manager

-Assistant Manager

Warner

Countryside Estates Nursing Ctr

-Environmental Aide

Tahlequah

Red River Credit

-CSR/Collector

Russell Cellular

-Wireless Retail Sales Associate

Cherokee Nation

-Clerk III

Wagoner

EVO Cannabis Company

-Smoke Shop/Dispensary Manager

Easy Wireless

-Outside Sales Rep

John Belk Family Practice

-Medical Assistant

Wagoner Community Hospital

-Physician Practice Receptionist

-Clinic Cross Functional Technician

Golden Rule

-Job Coach

Okmulgee

Red River Credit Corp.

-Office Manager

CREOKS

-Family Drug Court Program Coord.

Bios Corp

-Program Level Program Manager

Auto Zone

-Manager Trainee

-Auto Parts Delivery

McCoys Building Supply

-Retail Sales Associate

Sallisaw

Tiger Correctional Services

-Kitchen Supervisor/Institutional

AutoZone

-Commercial Sales Rep

-Manager Trainee

-Delivery Driver FT/PT

Eufaula

Compassion Homecare

-PCA

Stilwell

DaVita

-PCT

-LPN

Looking for a job?

Please visit [OKJobMatch](https://www.okjobmatch.com). You can also download the OKJobMatch app for iPhone and Android users. Many retailers are hiring due to increased demand for goods such as groceries, stocking and delivery.

Indeed has an app for iPhone and Android users.