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American Institute for Full Employment Announces Its 2017 Full Employment Award Winner

Indiana Program Improves Reemployment Services for UI Claimants

The American Institute for Full Employment has given its 2017 Full Employment Award to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development for demonstrating exceptional commitment to and innovation in helping Unemployment Insurance (“UI”) claimants return to work and avoid long-term unemployment.

In the past few years, many states have instituted notable policies and initiatives for the active, early and meaningful engagement of UI claimants in reemployment strategies. However, Indiana stood out this year with its initiative to expand and improve its reemployment services, systems and tools for UI claimants seeking work.

American Institute for Full Employment President, John Courtney said, “State unemployment programs are especially well-positioned to help our nation’s laid-off workers avoid the impacts of long term unemployment, including losses of productive activity, confidence, social connections and income. Indiana is staying ahead of the demands all states will face in the next recession by implementing more effective approaches for its UI claimants to land jobs and avoid long-term unemployment.”

Courtney added, “It’s encouraging to see the state of Indiana’s leadership in serving our unemployed and helping them get on the fast track to landing a new job with universal and early engagement in job search, new job search learning tools and better efficiencies in its programs.”

To learn more about the program operating in Indiana, see [click here](#) or visit www.fullemployment.org.

About the American Institute for Full Employment

The American Institute for Full Employment is a nonprofit consulting and research group, founded in 1994 to promote best practices in solving unemployment in America. Its mission is Full Employment in America.

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The Institute's team consists of former state agency executives. Its team has designed best practices in workforce, unemployment and welfare programs for decades, working on policy design and implementation in more than 20 states, from Hawaii to Maryland.