

Jobs for Washington's Graduates

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Jobs for Washington's Graduates had an eventful epoch this school year. In review; there was growth in the number of sites and students served, with no increase in state funding. There was an increase of statewide trainings, and remarkable amendments to the national standards for data reporting throughout our program's 40 sites. With the advantage of JAG's history of data and identifying nationwide trends, dropout prevention is paramount and JAG is in congruence to that success.

Graduation rates for the Class of 2014 JWG students met the model performance goals, featuring eight sites with 100% graduation. The success of JWG middle school models is overwhelmingly positive. Specialists taught on average, 40 of the JAG competencies to surpass the recommended 37. JWG Specialists taught on average 40 of the JAG competencies to surpass the recommended 37. The success of JWG middle school models was seen in the attendance and number of classes passed. Absenteeism was dramatically decreased to only 8.6 average days missed per student, compared to 18 days last year. Middle school students passed 91% of all their classes. All middle schools will renew their programs for next year.

JWG looks forward to additional growth in the number of school sites and students, by adding seven new sites and additional JAG Specialists for the 2014–15 school year. Thirty people, from Washington, attended the 31st Annual National Training Seminar held in Orlando, Florida from July 14-18, 2014 as part of our continuing commitment to distinction.

The Washington delegation included representatives from the Board of Directors, State leadership and JWG Specialists. There were three days of specialized training, directed to each person's position. The last three days, participants chose from a wide range of workshops with topics that are pertinent to the classroom, business relationships, best practices and classes instructing about the long awaited upgrade of the national database system | e-NDMS.

Mary Kanikeberg and the Washington CTE state staff will be attending and presenting at the 2014 WA-ACTE Summer Conference – "CTE ...Working for Washington" in Yakima from August 3-6, 2014.



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