2026–2027 PSWCT/UP TRAINING SCHEDULE

Elevating expertise in risk and coverage.

Puget Sound Workers' Compensation Trust and Unemployment Pool (PSWCT/UP), offers no-cost trainings to our member districts and partners.

Utilizing WorkSource to Facilitate Early Return to Work

9/22, 10am – noon | Speaker: Gillian J. H. Fox, Vocational Services Specialist, WA Department of Labor & Industries

Explore how early return-to-work strategies can support employee recovery while reducing time loss and claim costs. This session highlights transitional work, WorkSource resources, and practical ways to use RTWIP reimbursements while providing safe, suitable work.

Accident and Incident Investigation Strategies to Enhance Your Safety Program

9/23, 10am – noon | Speaker: Chris Glidden, Safety Consultant, WA Department of Labor & Industries

Move beyond simply documenting an incident. Learn how to gather the right information, uncover root causes, and turn investigation findings into meaningful corrective actions that strengthen your Accident Prevention Program and help prevent repeat injuries.

TWO-PART SERIES

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Program Overview: Part I

10/14, 10am – noon | Speakers: Elizabeth Jakab, Environmental Health Consultant; Julius Carter, Director of Facilities and Building Support, Issaquah School District; and Shae Emery, Director of Operations, Steilacoom Historical School District

Build a strong foundation for managing indoor air quality in your schools. Part I breaks down the essential elements of an effective IAQ program, key requirements, and practical considerations for putting a sustainable program into practice.

Indoor Air Quality for Schools: Part II

11/4, 10am – noon | Speakers: Elizabeth Jakab, Environmental Health Consultant; Julius Carter, Director of Facilities and Building Support, Issaquah School District; and Shae Emery, Director of Operations, Steilacoom Historical School District

See what effective indoor air quality programs look like in practice. Through real-world district experiences, this second of a two-part series explores approaches, lessons learned, and workable strategies that schools of different sizes can adapt to strengthen their own IAQ programs.

Don't miss these webinars with industry experts! Register today!

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TWO-PART SERIES

Creating Classroom Environments Through a Responsive and Preventative Lens — Part I: Environment as Intervention

11/18, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Speakers: Alixaundrea Poli, Social Worker, PSESD and Auggie O'Catherine, Director for Special Services, PSESD

The classroom itself can be a powerful intervention. Discover ways to intentionally shape spaces, routines, and supports around student strengths and voice to encourage engagement, reduce barriers, and build greater capacity for self-regulation in this first of a two-part series.

Creating Classroom Environments Through a Responsive and Preventative Lens — Part II: Responsive and Trauma-Based Interventions

12/2, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Speakers: Alixaundrea Poli, Social Worker, PSESD and Auggie O'Catherine, Director for Special Services, PSESD

Trauma can influence how students learn, respond, and connect. Part II examines those effects while offering classroom strategies that build trust, emotional safety, and self-regulation, helping educators increase engagement and prevent escalation.

Emerging Trends in Workers' Compensation and Ways to Minimize Your Risk

10/29, 10am – noon | Speaker: Shannon Gunderman, Managing Director, Public Sector Practice, A.J. Gallagher

Stay ahead of changes shaping workers' compensation in Washington schools. This session examines emerging claim patterns, industry and regulatory developments, and practical risk-reduction strategies to help districts strengthen prevention efforts and manage costs.

How Are Your Rates Determined?

12/8,10am – noon | Speaker: Craig Scukas, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Ever wonder what is behind your district's workers' compensation premium rate? Get a clearer look at how claims experience, pool and industry trends, and actuarial analysis come together, and how effective loss-reduction efforts can influence long-term costs.

Creating Safe Classrooms for Students and Staff

1/6/27, 10am – noon | Speaker: Dr. Reginald Reid, Principal, ReLife School

Create learning spaces where safety and connection work together. This practical session covers de-escalation, responding to students in distress, environmental influences, and how language, body positioning, movement, and personal space can help reduce conflict before it escalates.

Concussion in Workers' Compensation — Advanced Topics and Practical Applications

1/13/27, 10am – noon | Speaker: Dr. Ted Albrecht, MD

Take a deeper look at the complexities of concussion-related workers' compensation claims. This interactive session explores common misconceptions, physical and psychological factors affecting symptoms, and practical considerations for evaluating and managing challenging head-injury claims. Prior attendance at the July 21st introductory session is not required.

District Spotlight: Maximizing RTWIP Through Proven Practices

1/28/27, 10am – noon | Speakers: Christian Porter, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/UP; Ben Hollar, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/UP; and Raquel Quirino, Workers' Compensation Specialist, Auburn School District

What does it take to make the most of your RTWIP allocation? A PSWCT member district shares proven workflows, tracking tools, documentation practices, and light-duty approaches that can help capture reimbursement opportunities while supporting employees' successful return to work.

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