Exemplary State Online Resources for Students, Career Explorers and Adult Learners
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We’ve been impressed with some state online services and wanted to share them. Did we miss one that you think is terrific? E-mail kchristie@ecs.org.

Utah

Just for Youth - http://justforyouth.utah.gov/

What’s special?

- Easy to navigate; broad range of resources important to young people (without being condescending or dull)
- Includes special resources for:
  - Foster youth and foster parents
  - Youth with disabilities
- Provides extensive resources on:
  - Education
  - Employment – career planning, jobs for teens, etc.
  - Food and nutrition
  - Substance abuse
  - Pregnancy and parenting
  - Mental health


What’s special?

- Great navigation
- Career exploration, with wage ranges, job outlook within the state, occupational skills employers require, education needed, etc.
- Career pathway planners
- Clear information on skill certificates
- Retraining, retooling resources
- Resources for laid-off workers
  - Clear descriptions of unemployment rules, appeals processes, etc.
  - Separate resources for job seekers and employers
- Child care resource information for parents
Ohio

Learning: http://ohio.gov/education/

What's special?
- Nicely organized by level
  - Adult education
  - College/university
  - Day care/Pre-K
  - K-12
- Resources for educators
- Live online homework help (KnowItNow 24X7)
- How to:
  - Apply for financial aid
  - Find colleges/universities
  - Invest for college
  - Find district report cards
  - Find local schools or apply to home school

Working and employment: http://ohio.gov/working/

What's special?
- Apprenticeship council, listing of programs
- Job outlook section
- State government jobs
- One-stop job training centers
- Statewide job matching system – to post resumes, post openings, etc.
- Tools for career exploration

Georgia

Georgia work ready: http://www.gaworkready.org/

What's special?
- Unique state focus on documenting work readiness
- Help scheduling work ready assessments
- Where to start for getting certified
- Resources for employers to validate authenticity of certificates
- Work-ready certificates earned by county
- Work-ready community initiative

Technical college system: http://www.tcsg.edu/

What's special?
- Nicely organized by audience:
  - Adult learners
  - Business
  - Counselors, graduation coaches and teachers
- Help with technical college selection
- News clips featuring personal success stories
- Access to Georgia Virtual Technical College
Transparency: http://open.georgia.gov/

What’s special?
- Transparency in government

Maryland

Learning: http://www.maryland.gov/Learning/Pages/Learning.aspx

What’s special?
- Adult learning includes where to access ESL classes and English language schools, adult education and literacy programs, career & technical programs
- Maryland online (distance learning opportunities)
- Kids pages
- Online services (financial aid, college aid calculator, etc.)
- Frequently asked question feature
- Classroom resources


What's special?
- Good one-stop resource for career and workforce information

Michigan

Learning: http://mel.org

What’s special?
- Over 40 databases on all topics plus other online library resources: shared statewide catalog, digital history collections and best Web sites
- For students, access to online skills profiler, career exploration, homework help, college preparation
- Resources for educators in the Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE)

Working and employment: http://mel.org/bizandjobs

What's special?
- LearningExpress Library provides practice tests and tutorials for Michigan residents completing a high school diploma or going on to college or other vocational careers. LEX also provides a job and workplace skills learning center where one can take tutorials on resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, networking and job success.
- “Lost your job?” button for accessing resources for Worker ReEmployment or Auto Worker ReEmployment
- Personal assistance resources (bankruptcy basics, community action agencies, job postings, cover letters and resumes, etc.)
Oregon

Overall state page: http://www.oregon.gov/

What’s special
  • Overall excellence

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