



Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee

Meeting details

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Physical address: **Employment Security Department**, 212 Maple Park Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Committee members present

- Jon DeVaney
- Delia Peña
- Michele Besso
- Rosalinda Gullien
- Edgar Franks
- Jeff Perrault

Non-voting agency representatives

- Ignacio Marquez (WSDA)
- Uriel Iñiguez (LNI)
- Juan Gamez Briceno (DOH)

Committee members absent

- Michael Gempler
- Elizabeth Strater

ESD presenting staff

- Joy Adams
- Vickie Carlson
- Bertha J. Clayton
- Petra Meraz
- Susana Rodriguez
- Alberto Isiordia

Summary

Meeting Recorded

This meeting was recorded and is available on [Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee meetings](#)

Welcome and Agenda Review

Employment Security Department (ESD) Director, Joy Adams, welcomed everyone, reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if anyone had any questions. Moved committee business to after the WSD updates.

ASWS Office Update

Bertha J. Clayton, Director, ASWS Office, ESD

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Petra Meraz, Supervisor, Foreign Labor Certification Program, ASWS Office, ESD

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Compliance

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Susana Rodriguez, Supervisor, Compliance Unit, ASWS Office, ESD

Rosalinda Gullien: Requested a regular report of domestic workers complaint data; Alberto Isiordia committed to honoring this request in future meeting reports.

Workforce Services Division

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Alberto Isiordia, Assistant Director, WSD, ESD Wagner Peyser/MSFW Program Support, WSD, ESD

- New Staff Introductions
- Updates

Quorum Established

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Jon DeVaney motions to approve meeting minutes, Rosalinda Gullien seconded this motion. All in favor, none opposed. 6 voting members were present at the time of roll call. (Quorum)

Committee Discussion, feedback & Scheduling:

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Bertha J. Clayton, Director, ASWS Office, ESD

Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD

- Jon DeVaney motions to approve the proposed 2026 schedule as amended with a 2nd from Jeff Perrault. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
- Joy Adams leads discussion on Legislative, Policy & Disaster Recovery discussion
- PFML Conversation

Public Comment

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None

Good of the Order – Joy Adams

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Future agenda requests and ESD action items:

- Rosalinda: Requested a regular report of domestic workers complaint data; Alberto Isiordia committed to honoring this request in future WSD reports.

Adjourned

Joy Adams thanked everyone for their continued active participation and for their commitment to this work, reviewed the next meeting date/time. Public meeting adjourned: 10:43 AM.

2025 Meetings

- The next Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee meeting: Thursday, March 19th, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, In-person & Zoom

Meeting Slides



Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services
ADVISORY COMMITTEE



ASWS Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2025
9:00 am – 11:30 pm
Zoom

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Agenda



AGENDA

Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services (ASWS) Advisory Committee
 Thursday, January 15, 2026 | 9 am – 12:00 pm | 212 Maple Park Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501 | Zoom

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:00 am	Call to Order; Welcome	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
9:10 am	Roll call of committee members	Vickie Carlson, Management Analyst, ASWS Office, ESD
9:15 am	Agenda review, meeting minute approval	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
9:20 am	ASWS Office update	Bertha J. Clayton, Director, ASWS Office, ESD Petra Mieraz, Supervisor, Foreign Labor Certification Program, ASWS Office, ESD Susana Rodriguez, Supervisor, Compliance Team, ASWS Office, ESD
9:40 am	Workforce Services Division: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Staff Introductions • Update 	Alberto Isordia, Assistant Director, WSD, ESD Wagner Peyser/MSFW Program Support, WSD, ESD
10:00 am	Committee Discussion/Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Meeting Scheduling 	Bertha J. Clayton, Director, ASWS Office, ESD
10:45 am	Legislative, policy, disaster recovery updates	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
11:30 am	Discussion: PFML topics	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
11:45 am	Public Comment	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
11:50 am	Good of the Order Adjournment	Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD
12:00 pm	Next meeting: Virtually held on Zoom	

GROUND RULES

No side conversations | Phones on silent | Let people speak without interruption | Respect the opinions of others | Strive for understanding | Speak your mind | Strive for common ground | Assume good intent | Stay focused on task at hand and be willing to come back to the topic | Make sure everyone understands | Look out for each other | Take care of your own content | Ask for what you need |

ASWS Office Update – January 2026



Bertha J. Clayton, ASWS Director, ESD

ASWS 2026 Focus Areas



I. New AEW Rule – new law to educate and monitor compliance



II. Changes to site visit assignments (to balance workload and provide coverage).



III. Housing inspections (Range, only)



IV. Improvements to HB 2226 data collection



V. Field check changes in authority and protocol



VI. ASWS Committee report writing year

Discontinuation of Services



Discontinuation of Services – 20 CFR 658, Subpart F, initiated from 10/1/25-1/1/26

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Processing and adjudicating Foreign Labor Certification applications

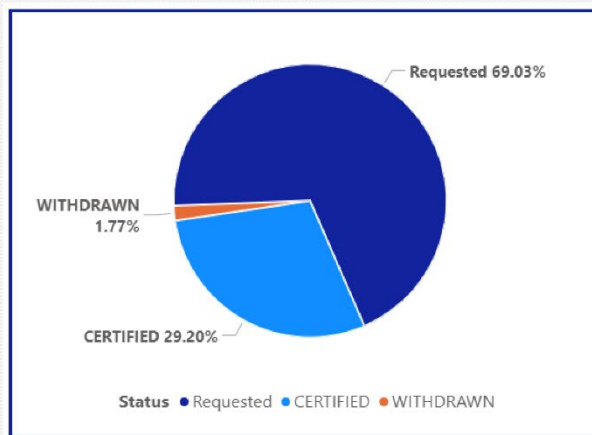


Petra Meraz, Supervisor, Foreign Labor Certification Program, ASWS, ESD

Application status report October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025



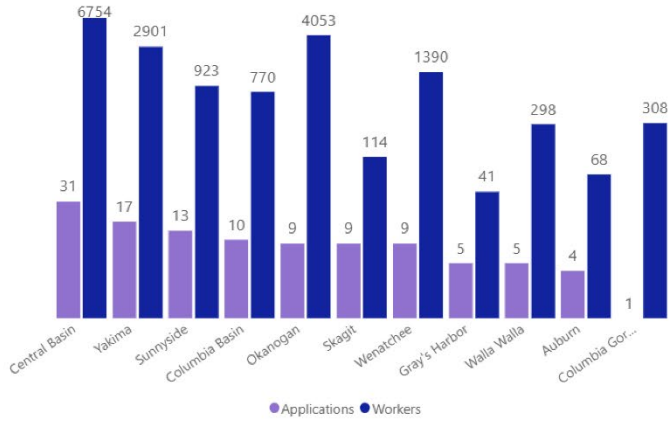
Status	Applications	Workers
Requested	66	11786
CERTIFIED	45	5350
WITHDRAWN	2	475
Total	113	17611



Number of applications & workers requested by AHO



AHO	Applications	Workers
Central Basin	31	6754
Yakima	17	2901
Sunnyside	13	923
Columbia Basin	10	770
Okanogan	9	4053
Skagit	9	114
Wenatchee	9	1390
Gray's Harbor	5	41
Walla Walla	5	298
Auburn	4	68
Columbia Gorge	1	308
Total	113	17620

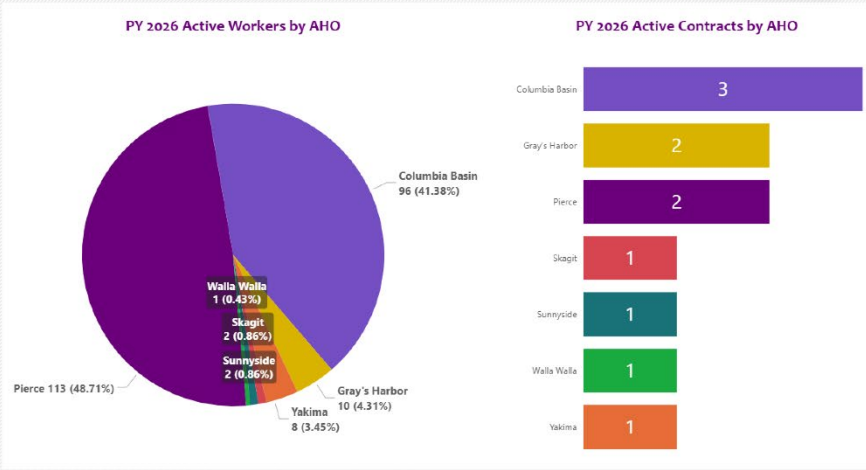


Number of active contracts & workers; by AHO Started by and ended after December 31, 2025.



11
Contracts

232
Workers

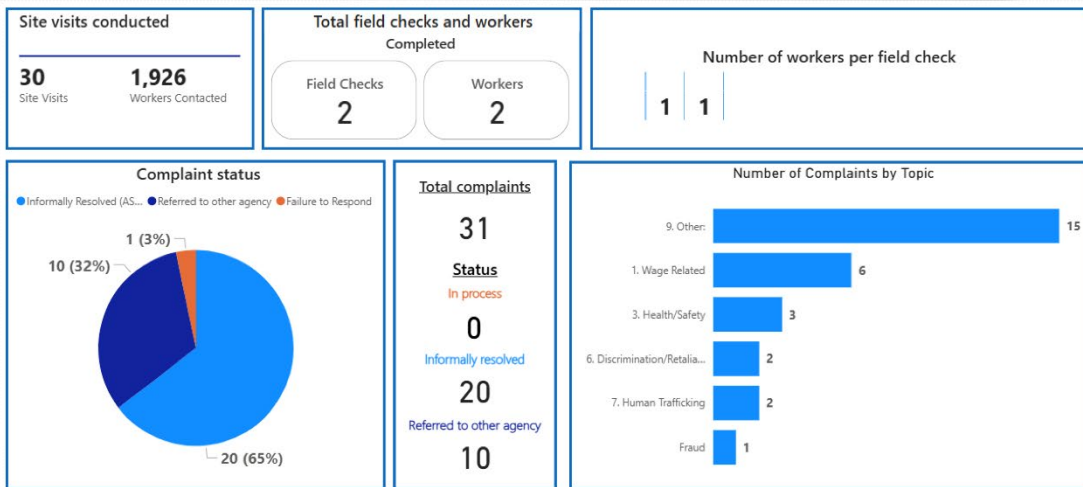


Compliance Reporting: PY2025 Site visits (field visits), field checks & complaints

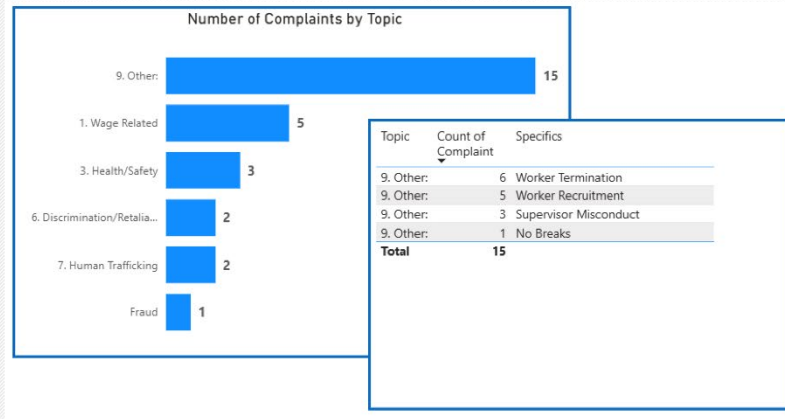


Susana Rodriguez, Compliance Unit Supervisor, ASWS, ESD

ASWS Compliance Updates



Other allegations subcategories



ASWS quarterly report – 1st Qtr. PY2026 October 1 – December 31, 2025



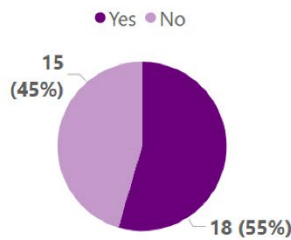
2. Total Workers Requested

2,558

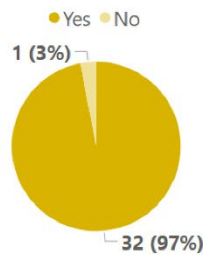
3. Total Workers Received

2,304

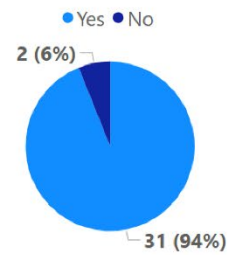
1. Number workers requested match?



4. Housing Locations Match?



5. Worksite Locations Match?



Workforce Services Division



Alberto Isiordia, Assistant Director of Operations, WSD
Jenna Argot, Agricultural Services Coordinator

New Staff Introductions



- Tim Probst
Employment Service and Economic Inclusion Manager
- Jenna Argot
Agricultural Services Coordinator
- Chelsea Detweiler
Wagner-Peyser Program Support Specialist

MSFW Outreach Performance



Workforce Services Division (WSD)

July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025

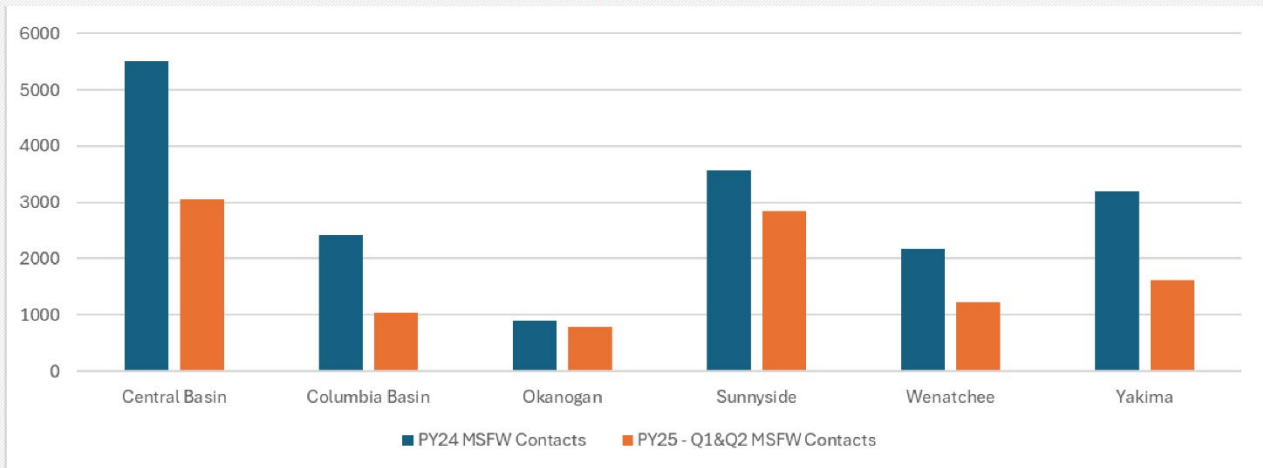
Program Year	PY24 (July 24 – June 25)	PY25 (July 25 – Dec 25)
Total Outreach Days	1400	638
Total Number of MSFWs Contacted	25,855	11,165

* There are six full-time outreach offices: Central Basin, Columbia Basin, Okanogan, Sunnyside, Wenatchee, and Yakima. The remaining offices conduct part-time outreach to MSFWs as part of their routine Wagner-Peyser responsibilities.

MSFWs Served by Full-time Outreach Offices



July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025



Upcoming changes



▶ MSFW Monthly Summary Report

Request:

All offices will be begin submitting their MSFW monthly summary report to SMA following requirements in 20 CFR 653.107(c).

"Each ES Office Manager must file with the State Monitor Advocate a monthly summary report of outreach efforts."

Change:

Form has been updated and all offices will be begin submitting their MSFW monthly summary report beginning with January 2026 data, due February 10.

Committee Discussion & Feedback



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Bertha J. Clayton, ASWS Director, ESD

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Legislative, Policy and Disaster Recovery Updates



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Public Comment



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Good of the Order



- Future Agenda Items
- Adjournment



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NEXT (In-Person)

ASWS Advisory Committee Meeting:

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