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## Balancing work and family

The importance of [flexible workplace policies](#) were at the forefront at a roundtable attended by workers, business and government officials during a visit by Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez to Big Sky Country.

## #ApprenticeshipWorks

### Applauding apprenticeships

It's an exciting time for apprenticeship in America and how it helps build tomorrow's workforce. Eric Seleznow, the deputy assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, sets the stage for the first-ever [National Apprenticeship Week](#).

### There's a stat for that:

#### National News

- \$2.75M for coal industry layoffs
- Safety focus for chicken processing industry
- \$2.1M recovered for snack food workers
- Seven mining deaths in third quarter
- Virginia eatery to pay back wages
- Read more National News

#### DOL in Action

- Defining a 21st century education
- Setting an agenda for working families
- Empowered workers and a strong economy
- Assistance for agriculture workers
- Safety and health outreach in Penn.
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## Blog Highlights

### Paid sick time

Growing evidence shows that paid sick time is good for workers and for businesses.

### Heroes beneath the earth

We owe our mine rescue teams the best training and support for high-risk missions.

### Partnership for Freedom

The Rethink Supply Chains Challenge seeks tools to fight labor trafficking. [Learn more.](#)

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## Training that pays off

Two decades ago, Chris Higgs began an apprenticeship program in precision machining at age 16. Today he is the program's coordinator, helping new generations of apprentices learn skills for good manufacturing jobs in the Midwest.

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## Upcoming Events

10.28.15

### Disability Vendor Fair/Outreach Event — OFCCP

Atlanta, GA

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