

Human Resources Career Long on Experience

Klickitat PUD welcomed Wendy Carney to its ranks June 28.

Wendy filled the role of human resources manager and jumped into her new position wholeheartedly. She works closely with Klickitat PUD General Manager Jim Smith to develop policies, recruit new hires, participate in union negotiations, and assist in organizational development, conflict resolution and team-building endeavors.

“Klickitat PUD is a family, and it has been welcoming, fun, and is full of genuinely good people,” Wendy says. “I am excited to help enrich the lives of the people here through improved services, systems, and support.”

Born in Kennewick and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, Wendy has been fortunate to visit countries around the world throughout her career. She started in Fairbanks as a file clerk working for the military as a U.S. Department of Defense civilian employee and progressively moved up from there into a senior supervisory role in human resources, landing her in Germany. While there, she took short-term assignments in Korea, Holland and Switzerland, and rounded out her time in New York and Arizona.

Wendy returned home to Washington and worked for the state Department of Social and Health Services and the state Department of Corrections for eight years in senior human resources roles. She then worked for Terex as a senior



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human resource manager. Terex is a large, global construction equipment manufacturer responsible for five major facilities in the United States and Brazil. Wendy is a certified mediator and gained her hours in certification with experience in divorce cases. Wendy also uses her mediation skills to give back to the community through donating time to the abused women’s shelter. She provides valuable services to these women trying to start over and get away from the turmoil and conflict in their lives. She provides them one on one coaching and mentoring.

Most recently, Wendy has been a partner in a human resources consulting firm, providing client services to

Washington, Oregon and Idaho. This caused her to travel at least 75 percent of the time. Wendy is also a small business owner in Moses Lake and runs a program to give clothing to the local agencies that support women and children.

Wendy and her 14-year-old son, Sage, are excited to make the Goldendale community their new home. The simplicity of a smaller town is appealing to Wendy and she hopes the smaller school will provide opportunities to her son. She is ready, and looking forward to the change in pace.

The additional family members are a quarter horse paint, an exotic calico cat named Juno and a brand new English bulldog named Lego.

Since June, she already has made a positive impact at KPUD.

“I am thrilled about her experience and her skill sets,” Jim says. “These will both help her serve our KPUD team to, in turn, serve our customers better. I am looking forward to her having a long, fulfilled career here.”

Please welcome Wendy and her family to the Goldendale community and KPUD. ■

Teach Children Not to Play With Electrical Cords



It is never too early to teach children about electrical safety. It can help them avoid unsafe behavior. To prevent injury to children from electrical cords:

- Keep cords in the house tied up or out of sight in high traffic areas. Tripping on cords is a safety and electrical hazard. Tie-backs and clips can be purchased to make sure cords are out of sight and out of mind.
- Show your children how to unplug cords when they are old enough. They should know to pull the cord out by the plug, and not by the cord.
- Unplug all appliances when they are not being used. Keep them away from the edge of the counter—beyond a toddler’s grasp—and keep the cords out of reach.
- Replace any damaged electrical cord.