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UTAH AFL-CIO APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

National apprenticeship week is November 13-17th, please remember there is a distinct difference between a job training program and an apprenticeship, and as President of the AFL-CIO it is my mission to spread this message to the legislators, school counselors, and employers in the State of Utah.

Apprenticeships are comprehensive experiences, where individuals not only learn a skill, they practice and develop that skill in conjunction with the needs of the business community, while earning a fair, living wage.

Any job training program that does not involve businesses and industry, a decent living and solid instruction, fails in comparison. Highly skilled manufacturing jobs are the future, and apprenticeship programs are an essential part of filling those jobs.

Apprenticeship training programs mean working people who participate in them learn the latest technologies and skills, and also learn how to stay safe on the job.

Embracing and developing these training programs will modernize systems and procedures to improve productivity and safety.

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