

Jessica Valand Bio



Jessica Valand is the Director of Workforce Development for Northwest Colorado, overseeing a 10-county region from Walden to Breckenridge to Aspen.

Jessica has been with the state in various leadership roles for 9 years and is currently with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, where she is a passionate advocate for economic opportunity and vitality in rural resort communities.

Prior to her current role, she oversaw public assistance work programs statewide, and was responsible for the design, implementation and administration of Colorado's only transitional jobs program, ReHire Colorado.

She has more than a dozen years of experience in human capital and workforce innovation, and holds a graduate degree in economic development from the University of Denver. S

he is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Yampa Valley's preeminent environmental education and stewardship organization.

An Idaho native, Jessica now calls Steamboat Springs home, and makes the most of the area's incredible trails, runs and single track along with her husband and two young children.