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## **Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board Selects Ryan Butter as new Workforce Development Director**

The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) has selected Ryan Butter as its new Workforce Development Director to oversee organization and program outcomes and ensure compliance in the areas of finance, personnel, and programming.

As the Workforce Development Director, Butter will be responsible for facilitating strategic planning related to WFWIB efforts. He will additionally develop and implement integrated management systems and organizational structures that will support the administration of WFWIB program services. Butter's other responsibilities include promoting program awareness, identifying areas of program improvements, and providing recommendations on program policies and guidelines.



“Ryan has a strong background in project management and is familiar with the workforce development system,” shared Executive Director Janet Ward. “It makes him an excellent fit for the Workforce Development Director role and for the WFWIB team.”

Ryan Butter holds a wealth of knowledge related to nonprofit program management with over 15 years of experience. In his most recent role as a Program Specialist, Butter monitored, evaluated, and recorded client progress, reviewed records, and conducted assessments. He has extensive experience working with diverse populations and overseeing staff.

Butter started his career as an Elementary Teacher planning and instructing various subject areas using a wide variety of teaching aids and motivational and implementation strategies to engage students in active learning. He would go on to be a School Liaison assisting in gathering data for quarterly reports and ensuring teacher lesson plans correlated to program standards. Before becoming a program specialist, Butter was a program supervisor responsible for monitoring program operations, supervising staff, assisting with budget monitoring, and developing federal program reports. Ryan Butter holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Nevada.

“I am fortunate to join the WFWIB team,” shared Butter. “And look forward to working with community partners to improve the landscape of employment in Westmoreland and Fayette County.”

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**About the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board**

The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) is a non-profit entity consisting of appointees from the business, education, and labor sectors of Westmoreland-Fayette counties. The board is empowered to lead workforce development activities in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. The WFWIB is funded by the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides funding to federal workforce programs and local Workforce Development Boards. The WFWIB oversees the three PA CareerLink® centers that are located in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties: PA CareerLink® Westmoreland County at Youngwood, PA CareerLink® Fayette County, and PA CareerLink® Alle-Kiski. For more information about the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, please visit [www.WestFayWIB.org](http://www.WestFayWIB.org). The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For federal funding information, visit [www.westfaywib.org/resources/](http://www.westfaywib.org/resources/).