

Timeline of my work history:

Caregiver for Portland In-Home Care: January 20, 2020 thru August 15, 2020.

Temporary second job due to short limit of available funds to make a living. While some people quit working due to COVID19, and received Unemployment benefits + President's money every week, I had to leave the comfort of my home and risk exposure to make ends meet. I kept working by helping people stay alive. Because of the mess in local government, I could not get any help addressing unemployment benefits issues quickly and the help I eventually received from the Oregon Unemployment agency was equal to zero.

Instructional Assistant: North West Regional School District. Furlough May 10th thru June 10th. Laid off after that date. Called back to work and thankfully the position began on September 1, 2020. Filed weekly Unemployment claims on a regular basis. Have all them saved away and can make them available upon request. These are just two of examples that I received from the ED that presumable justified their decision:

Decision 120036: You quit work without good cause.

Explanation: It is a great reason to quit the job because I was afraid of getting COVID19 from my client since I was working in a home and not at a medical facility. When you work with a sick person, who is getting worse by the day, but still lives a social life there is a huge risk for COVID19 exposure or any other sickness/virus. In this case, if I was to get COVID, I also could have passed it on to my family.

What is extremely interesting to me, is that your reasoning as to why I'm not eligible to any benefits is due to the fact that my husband found a job. This job you are referring to, he started a week after from my first day of work and it has zero to do with me receiving and all benefits I am entitled to. After all the definition for Unemployment compensation "is a benefit paid to people who have recently lost their job via no fault of their own (laid off, the business closed, etc.)" In this case, you can see that your reasoning for not granting me my unemployment benefits absolutely make no sense and are unacceptable.

Decision 13939: Your wages and/or hours with other employers are not sufficient to entitle you to benefits during the break between two academic years.

This decision makes me suspect your incompetence and misunderstanding of how NWRESD operates. It led to making incorrect and hasty decisions, which may have a very negative impression of the department.

Explanation: I was officially laid off June 10th due to COVID19 and it has no connection to any break between two academic years, because in good times we still get our paycheck regardless. Before being laid off I was furloughed on May 10th through June 10th and not getting any help from the Agency.