

# Community Coordinator

## Report

Plumas County

JULY-SEPTEMBER  
2013

### Feather River College Job Fair 2013

The College, Career, and Transfer Fair held on September 18, 2013 at Feather River College in Quincy was a wonderful success! With the theme "Hack Your Life," high school students were given opportunity to interview representatives from careers and educational institutions, listen to guest speakers, and talk to a panel of recent high school graduates about the choices a student makes after high school and how that can impact their lives. Representatives from 40 colleges and Universities were in attendance as well as major employers and vocational schools from California and Nevada. Business & Career Center Staff from Plumas and Lassen were on site to explain program services. The high school students were separated into three groups and led on a route between three stations, in the Gymnasium, where the BCN booth was located, students were asked to interview presenters then meet with an advisor to discuss what they had learned. In the afternoon the area was opened up for the college students and members of the public to attend. BCN staff was kept very busy answering questions and networking with other presenters, vocational schools, colleges, and universities. The event was a very busy, productive, and enjoyable time.



# Maximus

## Health Care Options

For nearly forty years, MAXIMUS has partnered with state, federal, and local governments to provide critical health and human service programs to a diverse array of communities. Maximus Health Care Options is contracted with the State of California to help explain and enroll medical recipients into health care plans. Plumas Business & Career Network assisted Maximus with the recruitment of staff in Plumas County. BCN staff referred qualified clients from the applicant pool as well as posted information about the recruitment on the Job Board. The job fair was held on September 25th at the Business and Career Network. Maximus was very grateful to BCN staff for the assistance with the recruitment.

*"I want to thank you formally on behalf of myself and Health Care Options for all your help with our job fair. It would have not been possible without your help. Thanks to you we have located, interviewed, and hired for our ESR positions. I am looking forward to working with you in the future."*  
 Thank you,  
 Fariba Shirakh,



# AFWD One-Stop Statistics

## Plumas Visitors

**766**

## AFWD Business Services

Business Served	1091
Services Provided	3393
Positions Filled	725
Training Assistance	188

## Program Services

### New Enrollments this Quarter

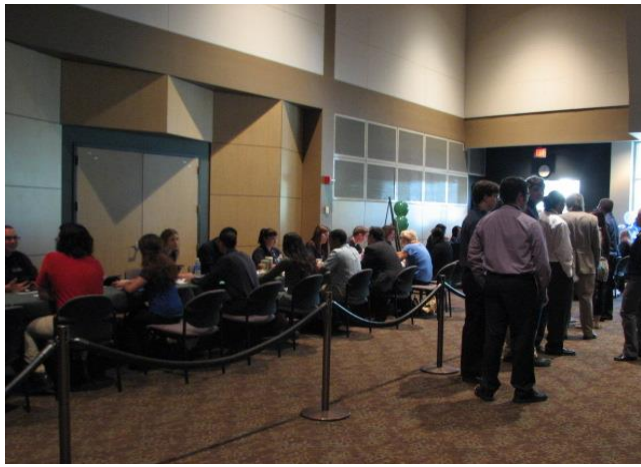
Adult	111
Dislocated Worker	105
Youth	50
Employed	202

## Unemployment Rate

Butte	10%	Plumas	9.6%
Lassen	9.7%	Sierra	10.5%
Modoc	9.6%		

## MILESTONE JOB FAIR

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Quincy AFWD participated in the Milestone Job Fair at the California State University, Chico. What a turn out!



Milestone, headquartered in Fremont, is expanding their business and looking to hire 200+ individuals as Contact Center Customer Support and Supervision for their new location in Chico. AFWD helped to recruit 1000+ applicants and participants where put through a serious of prescreening and interviews. Over 600 happy applicants where scheduled for second interviews throughout the following week.

## AFWD ROCKS!



## New

## Business Services Representative

The Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. would like to welcome Joelle Breazier as the new Business Service Representative with our Business & Career Network team in Plumas County.

Originally from Southern California, Joelle relocated to Plumas County in 1998 from Prescott Arizona, shortly after her second child, Destiny, was born. After spending 12 years in the Chester/Lake Almanor area and then 2 years in Greenville, Joelle has now been a resident of Quincy for a full year. Joelle states she has found her place in the world here in the beautiful mountains of Plumas County.

As a 15 year resident of Plumas County, Joelle is very much interested in the communities' wellbeing and sustainability. After a 4 year position with Plumas CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, she cares greatly about the families, and the success and quality of life here in Plumas County. Joelle has a strong background in Business including management, marketing and sales and has spent a lot of time forming relationships with the businesses throughout Plumas County in outreach and recruiting efforts.



*I am excited to be a part of the AFWD's efforts in building a strong community, promoting growth through business solutions.*

# This Quarter's Success Stories

## Desirae Adams



In June of 2012, high school student Desirae Adams came to the Plumas Business & Career Network. She was 18 and living on her own. She knew that with graduating high school in a few days, she would need to get some work experience and gain some knowledge of life beyond high school. Desirae was enrolled in the Youth Program. She graduated from high school and enrolled in classes at Feather River College. Desirae excelled at everything she was taught and took advantage of every opportunity given to her. She completed workshops in Job Search, Job Readiness, Resume and Interview Skills, Basic Life Skills and Customer Service. During her first year at FRC she showed amazing academic dedication, maintaining a 3.94 GPA!

During the Spring and Summer of 2013, Desirae was able to get her Serv Safe Food Handlers Certificate and complete a Work Experience contract at Roper's and Wild West Yogurt in Quincy. For the 2013-2014 academic year, while still working at Roper's, she was awarded the Osher Scholarship and the Company Scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. These two scholarships require academic excellence and Desirae has surely shown how dedicated she is to excellence. Desirae has a dream of going to San Francisco State University to become a Japanese Translator

We would like to Congratulate Desirae on a job very well done! Her future looks very bright due to her hard work! According to her Career Center Advisor, "Desirae has the attitude and desire to make her life better!" From those of us here at Plumas BCN it has truly been a pleasure to help you!

## Nothing Stopping Her!

## Leigh Anne Dixon



Some have a rougher road than others and Leigh Anne Dixon certainly didn't have it easy. Living in the small town of Greenville she attended alternative high school, Indian Valley Academy. Having struggled with health problems in her senior year and having an unstable living situation, graduation was precarious. With a lot of determination she not only graduated, but set her sights on college. With the assistance of her Youth Advisor, she attending workshops, toured local colleges and explored programs that she could utilize in college to ensure her success. With this information and mentoring support from her Youth Advisor, Leigh followed her lifelong dream of working with horses and enrolled in Feather River Colleges, Equine Studies program. Now the future looks exciting and Leigh Anne is enthusiastically embracing it!

