

# Community Coordinator Report

Plumas County  
JULY – SEPTEMBER  
2014

## C.A.N.D.L.E.S.

### Preschool, day care opens in Greenville!

Twenty-nine year Plumas County resident, Susan Asta, started visiting the Business and Career Network in August of 2013 with the vision of starting a unique learning enriched daycare program. Susan's passion for youth along with a strong background in child education, enticed her to research further. After learning of the large need for child care providers in the area, Susan decided to eagerly move forward with her dream.

With the guidance of the Business and Career Network, Business Service Representative Susan worked diligently on her business plan utilizing the Business Plan Pro Program offered at the Resource Center. Susan also created a logo, brochures and business cards using AFWD resources and experienced staff. Finally in July 2014, Susan was ready for her new business called C.A.N.D.L.E.S. to take flight. C.A.N.D.L.E.S., which is an acronym for "Children's Art and Nurture Daily Learning Enrichment Services", is cooperative with parents where Susan provides her services for up to twelve preschool children in the comfort of rotating homes. Susan conducts a fun and rewarding "learn-through-play" group program for the kids of our community. We will continue to be there for Susan every step of the way as her business continues to grow.



### Plumas Labor Force & Unemployment Rates

#### August 2014

#### Labor Force

10,140

#### Employment

9,380

#### Unemployment

770

#### Unemployment Rate

7.5%

## Collaboration of Services

In August of 2014, a new partnership was formed with the Business and Career Network in Plumas County and Experience Works. This is a great opportunity for people who are not seeking full-time employment, are 55 years of age or older, and are experiencing a difficult time finding part-time employment. This partnership will strive to help improve the lives of people 55 years of age and over through training, community service, and employment.

Experience Works is a national, charitable, community-based organization. Its original name was Green Thumb when chartered back in 1965 as a small rural demonstration program. Experience Works has now grown to become the nation's leading provider of training, employment, and community service experience for low-income seniors.

At Experience Works, they believe that seniors should have the opportunity to learn new skills and contribute to their communities throughout their lives. People who are productive and active throughout their lives will have better health, increased longevity, higher quality of life, and a positive impact on their communities.

The strengths at Experience Works are diverse. They encourage all local employers to take full advantage of the talents of older workers. They help individuals who are low income or at risk of becoming low income. They use community service to train while on the job providing a path to employment. They work hard to build strong relationships in local communities and address the challenges facing older people in rural America.

AFWD, Inc. looks forward to developing this partnership and the continued opportunity for Experience Works to assist people within the community.



## AFWD America's Job Center of California Statistics

### Plumas County Visitors

996

### AFWD Business Services

Business Served	613
Service Provided	2,014
Positions Filled	59
Training Assistance	302

### Program Services

#### Total enrollments this quarter

Adult	159
Dislocated Worker	143
Youth	28
Employed	122

### Unemployment Rate

Butte 8.1%	Plumas 7.5%
Lassen 8.6%	Sierra 8.3%
Modoc 8.2%	

## Feather River College Career Day



It was a wonderful day in Plumas County on September 17, 2014, filled with hopes and dreams. AFWD's Youth Program Manager, Heather Alexander, and Career Center Advisors Angela Earle and Leslie Scott attended the Feather River College Career Day and spoke to numerous high school students who anticipate attending college upon graduation. The guest speaker was Dain Blanton, a professional Beach Volleyball player who earned a Gold Medal for his performance in the 2000 Olympic Games. Dain gave a powerful speech and presentation, motivating the youth to set goals and work hard to accomplish their dreams. Dain encouraged them to find positive, successful mentors and ask them for the support needed in order to live a prosperous life.

Feather River College is a small, friendly school located in Quincy, CA, with beautiful views of the surrounding Sierra Mountains. FRC students come from all over the United States and all walks of life to be part of the small-town community.

Dozens of students and teachers approached the AFWD table to find out more about the Youth Program services that are offered by AFWD. Once the students and teachers spoke with the advisors, they left the area with excitement about the assistance AFWD has to offer and several connections were made with teachers and students.



To be part of Career Day was rewarding for AFWD staff. To witness young adults participating in such an important event that affects their future is very satisfying. AFWD looks forward to helping the students reach their goals to either enter the workforce or post-secondary education.



# This Quarter's Success Stories

## Haley Pettit

In spring of 2014, AFWD staff provided outreach services at Greenville High School in hopes of assisting youth in the community. AFWD met with not only the students but staff and parents as well. AFWD then successfully enrolled three students into the Youth Program.

One of the participants, Haley Pettit, was interested in attending the pre-employment skills workshops offered and the mentoring provided by AFWD staff. Haley gained confidence in interviewing, applying for jobs, and life skills. Haley also attended the Customer Service workshop and was grateful for the training, which she felt would help her greatly in jobs that she will have as she works her way through college. AFWD staff always enjoyed Haley's wonderful, positive attitude, and was thrilled to help her plan her future. With the assistance of the AFWD staff, Haley completed her college preparations and is now a college freshman majoring in criminal justice.



## Megan Mansfield



Megan came into our office in May 2014 seeking assistance with job search. Megan had recently relocated from San Jose, CA, to Quincy to be closer to family, and was unable to find employment. Megan met with a Career Center Advisor, and they put together a job search plan to help her successfully find full-time employment. Megan wanted assistance with job search, redeveloping her resume, along with improving her typing speed and computer skills. With her educational background, degree in nutrition, and more than ten years of experience facilitating youth programs she was ready to find the right job. Megan was quickly hired as a Community Outreach Coordinator for the Plumas County Health Department, and began her employment in June 2014. Megan truly enjoys her work and is thankful to the Quincy, Business and Career Network for their assistance.

***Congratulations Megan!***

