

# Community Coordinator Report

Sierra County  
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2015

## FISH Training at Loyalton High

Last year Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. presented the “FISH” workshop to Loyalton High School students. The training was such a hit, that Principle Marla Stock asked if AFWD staff would return and present it to her staff.

AFWD was delighted to present again. Business Service Representative, Joelle Breazier, and Career Center Advisor, Kayte Puckett, presented the “FISH” training to Loyalton High school faculty February 27<sup>th</sup>.



This interactive workshop is based around The World Famous Pikes Place Market philosophy, located in Seattle, Washington.

**Play   Make Their Day   Be There**  
**Choose Your Attitude!**

The “FISH Philosophy” creates new possibilities in organizations. People can reinvent their experience at work not only for themselves, but also for their coworkers, and in this case, students.

Thanks Loyalton High!



Loyalton High art class students painted pictures of fish for the faculty FISH Workshop.



## CASH FOR COLLEGE with Feather River College at the Loyalton High School



On February 5, 2015, the Business and Career Network in Sierra County with the East Sierra Valley Chamber, and local Rotary Club invited Feather River College to participate in a presentation workshop to the High School Seniors and the Community on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Cash for College Night. AFWD staff members Kim Keith and Kayte Puckett were joined by Andre van der Velden – Director Financial Aid and his Financial Aid Team.

Cheryl McElroy, Financial Aid Specialist was the presenter, along with Carlie McCarthy, Academic Advisor/Recruiter and Outreach, who are all from Feather River College. More than twenty people attended this event and all that attended learned a tremendous amount about how to request Financial Aid from FAFSA and other resources. The presentation offered a lot of information and after the event participants asked questions during the Q and A session. At the end of the event, over 15 applicants were signed up and ready for the next step towards their education.



## AFWD America's Job Center of California Statistics

### Sierra County Visitors

**338**

### AFWD Business Services

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Business Served</b>     | <b>1,345</b> |
| <b>Service Provided</b>    | <b>6,688</b> |
| <b>Positions Filled</b>    | <b>1,753</b> |
| <b>Training Assistance</b> | <b>505</b>   |

### Program Services

#### Total enrollments this quarter

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Adult</b>             | <b>261</b> |
| <b>Dislocated Worker</b> | <b>194</b> |
| <b>Youth</b>             | <b>88</b>  |
| <b>Employed</b>          | <b>418</b> |

### Unemployment Rate

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Butte 8%</b>    | <b>Plumas 14.1%</b> |
| <b>Lassen 9.4%</b> | <b>Sierra 10.9%</b> |
| <b>Modoc 11.1%</b> |                     |

# This Quarter's Success Stories



## A New Beginning

Michelle Kludt was a local Child Day Care Provider. When she had to close down her business after 15 years, she came into the Sierraville Business and Career Network looking for assistance in developing her resume. After discussing her options and determining eligibility, she was enrolled into the Adult program. The Sierra County office provided Michelle with the support she needed and with the help of her Career Center Advisor they developed her employment plan, resume, and job search coaching. Michelle actively pursued job leads and at the same time enrolled in to the Alison course work to update her computer skills.

She applied for a position at URS for the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, CA as a Materials Handler. Michelle was invited to an interview and within a few weeks of applying was offered employment. Michelle has been working for the Sierra Army Depot for just over a month and a half and received a promotion to work on the USA Government side. Congratulation's Michelle, job well done!



## Experience Works

In 2014, job seeker Julie Amodei came to Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) with help in finding employment. Although she had office skills, they were limited to the construction business. After assistance in determining what type of training program would enhance her abilities to qualify for more opportunities, AFWD determined she would be a great candidate for an on the job training work experience through Senior Community Service Employment Program (Experience Works).

Julie was referred to an open host-site position at the Business and Career Network for 24 weeks of employment and training. Julie plays a vital role in assisting her co-worker's and customers including providing essential information to those interested in the services provided by her employer (Experience Works).

