

# Community Coordinator Report

Sierra County

OCTOBER – DECEMBER  
2014



The year of 2014 is coming to an end and the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. Sierra County, had a wonderful year. The office was relocated from Loyalton to beautiful Sierraville in May 2014. The Sierraville office has had the pleasure of serving many clients who were successful in obtaining employment. Thanks for a great year! AFWD is looking forward to 2015, and we are off to a great start. Our relationships with county agencies, the Probation Department, and Sierras County schools have grown and are getting stronger.

Kayte Puckett, Career Center Advisor, makes it a monthly routine to outreach by contacting or visiting the partnering agencies. She contacts both Downieville and Loyalton Sierra County Social Services Department and through this association, she has started a new relationship with the Behavioral Health Service Act Coordinator, Laurie Marsh.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2015 Labor Law Update

#### Workshop

Plumas County Fairgrounds  
Mineral Building  
10am-12pm  
January 15, 2015

Items being discussed are:

- What new laws apply to your business?
- Employee Leave and Benefits
- Wage and Hour
- Background Checks  
*And Much More!*

### Fish Training

February 27, 2015  
Loyalton High School  
(Faculty Training)





**ARTS & AGRICULTURE – Powering Rural Economies**

The Rural Arts & Culture Working Group of the National Rural Assembly launched a series of virtual conversations in 2014 that brought together rural artists, leaders, practitioners, funders, and other rural advocates, to talk about what’s happening in the rural arts, sample models, and encourage more camaraderie’s among practitioners, thus the beginning of the Community Vitality Group for Plumas and Sierra County.

The Alliance for Workforce Development Business Service Representative was invited to attend a Community Vitality meeting, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was the perfect opportunity to collaborate and make business connections within the local community.

Brief presentations were given by:

- The Sierra Business Council
- The Small Business Development Center
- Plumas Arts
- The Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Ecotourism
- The UC Cooperative Extension

The meeting objective was to explore ideas and share resources for improved community vitality for Plumas-Sierra County businesses, residence and visitors by building bridges among agriculture, arts, local food, recreation, and tourism to identify the steps needed to bring in tourism, to Plumas-Sierras County rural economy.



**AFWD America’s  
Job Center of  
California  
Statistics**

**Sierra County Visitors**

**187**

**AFWD Business  
Services**

<b>Business Served</b>	<b>1,092</b>
<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>4,599</b>
<b>Positions Filled</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Training Assistance</b>	<b>392</b>

**Program Services**

**Total enrollments this quarter**

<b>Adult</b>	<b>205</b>
<b>Dislocated Worker</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Employed</b>	<b>320</b>

**Unemployment Rate**

<b>Butte</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>Plumas</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>Lassen</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>Sierra</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>Modoc</b>	<b>9.2%</b>		

# This Quarter's Success Stories



## Youth Program Outreach

The youth program presentation was welcomed at Sierra Pass Alternative High School. The alternative high school facility in the District accommodates students in grades 9th – 12th from the eastern section of Sierra and Plumas counties. After the presentation one of the students came into the Sierra office seeking services. They met with a CCA and were enrolled into the youth program.

As the year is ending and the new college semester starts at the beginning of January, Sierra Pass Alternative High School is hoping to have one of the nearby colleges facilitate a FASFA presentation for students who are interested in attending college.

This year the Sierra Pass Continuation High School welcomed new teacher, Leslie Osgood, relocating from the Truckee/Nevada County school district. Leslie Osgood and Career Center Advisor, Kayte Puckett, will work together to welcome the community to the FASFA orientation when scheduled.



Ashley Madalena is a delightful young lady who moved back to her home town of Sierraville. She was home for a couple of months and was having a difficult time finding employment. Ashley came into the Sierraville office in the beginning of September 2014. She started using the Universal Services and was very dedicated in her job search. After a few weeks of job searching, she requested to speak to the Career Center Advisor (CCA). She was enrolled into the Adult WIA Program and goals and activities were set to move forward with job search. The CCA and Ashley put together an employment plan, so she could successfully find a full-time position. She attended a one-on-one Resume Workshop and received the tools to create a perfect resume. Ashley was invited to a few job interviews. One position was with UPS, and in October 2014, she was offered a position with UPS out of Stead, Nevada.

Job well done Ashley!

