

Community Coordinator Report

Sierra County

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2018

Moving Forward Into a Bright Future

In the fall of 2017, Chanel came to the Sierra Business and Career Network (BCN) for assistance with her job search and resume assistance. She had never made a resume before, so she and her Career Center Advisor rolled up their sleeves and created one that reflected the skills and attributes Chanel has to offer an employer.

In interviewing Chanel, it was discovered she could also benefit from a referral to the Department of Social Services in Loyalton. Through this referral, Chanel and her family received needed services; including Chanel's training as a Medical Assistant (MA). Chanel took MA courses at Carrington College of Nevada, where she has been on the Dean's List. Having completed the MA course, Chanel could now begin her externship in the medical field.



Chanel contacted the BCN, requesting assistance with updating her resume. She also learned how to use Labor Market Information (LMI), and recognized this information will benefit her when making career decisions. Chanel acknowledged she needed additional assistance with job search, and building her interview skills. She was also in need of appropriate interview clothing. All of these things would assist her in moving forward into the new, bright future she has worked so very hard for.

Chanel recently passed her Start Board for Medical Assistant with flying colors and has started her externship with Northern Nevada Medical Group in Reno, Nevada.

Congratulations Chanel!



SIERRA CASCADE FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

Community Café

Alliance for Workforce Development Inc.'s (AFWD) staff had the opportunity to attend the Community Café hosted by Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities (Head Start) on September 12, 2018. The purpose of the workshop was to provide feedback on community strengths, family needs, and area resources in Sierra County. The workshop was creatively presented and several local businesses participated. It was also a great opportunity to network and share AFWD employment services. Some of the attendees included: Family Health, Social Services, Public Health, Family Resource Center, Headstart, and Sierra County Children Services.

After a few introductions, topics were introduced. Issues such as low-income housing, education, healthcare, employment, transportation, and childcare were discussed. Because of the rural nature of Sierra County, and the aspect of seasonal employment, low-income housing is scarce. Local citizens with justice-system involvement struggle even more to find full-time work and to afford adequate housing. The lack of flexible public transportation is also an issue and can make it difficult to commute to and from work. Child-care is also challenging in Sierra County not only for the distance parents have to travel for the services but for the providers trying to make a sustainable living.

Discussing these challenges and coming up with creative ways to deal with them to improve local resident's lives was the main focus of the meeting. While the solutions to these dilemmas will take time to implement, a renewed focus has been sparked and the energy in the room was palatable. The old saying "it takes a village to raise a child" could not be more true. The "village" of Sierra County is ready to step up!





AFWD America's Job Center of California Statistics

PY 2018 -2019



Sierra County

Total Visitors

64

Sierra County
Business Services

Businesses Served 2
Services Provided 6

AFWD

**Total Clients
Enrolled**

620

Unemployment Rate
(As of: August 2018)

Butte 4.7%	Nevada 3.4%
Lassen 4.4%	Plumas 5.3%
Modoc 5.9%	Sierra 5.1%

