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Community Coordinator Report

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The Sky's the Limit

Having a dream, developing a plan and being willing to work hard to follow that plan usually works; however, sometimes just a little help may still be needed. This was the case with Raul Faustino. Raul worked hard to save money to attend Lineman College, but still needed assistance with the cost of tools.

Working with his Career Center Advisor they developed an individual training plan. After much research and strategizing, the plan was approved and Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. was able to assist him with the cost of his tools which enabled him to attend Lineman College. Raul graduated in April and has accepted employment with Power Source Inc, where he is stationed out of Texas.

Raul says that he loved his training and the opportunities it has brought him, he excited about his new career path.
California Workforce Association Spring Conference

On March 27 through March 29, 2013 Alliance For Workforce Development, Inc. (AFWD) Director of Job Seeker Programs, Chris Sullivan, attended the California Workforce Association (CWA) Spring Conference in sunny San Diego. This year’s theme was “Skills for a Different World”. The conference offered many different sessions covering a variety of avenues for expanding services at the local level that included Expanding Business Services, Building a State of the Art One-Stop, Advancing Case Management through Social Media, Placing Ex-Offenders, and Building Partnerships.

Some of the most informational sessions Chris attended included: Making the Impossible, Possible: Strategies for Placing Ex-Offenders, which offered a plethora of handouts and resources that can be utilized when working with this specific population; Workforce Development is Evolving…Is your Staff Prepared, which was a presentation by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) and the University of San Diego discussing updated certifications and standards for case managers; and Using Technology for Cost Effective Jobseeker Preparation and Placement, which provided time saving resources and links to online sites that can be utilized by all job seekers and case managers to build job search skills.

Additionally, she found it interesting to get “Updates from Washington” from the CWA perspective. Overall, this year’s conference was exciting, informational and fun.

Lassen County Day Reporting Center

With the implementation of AB109, California Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections realignment, AFWD has worked diligently with Lassen County Sheriff’s Office, Lassen County Behavior Health Department, Lassen County Department of Social Services, and Lassen County Probation Department to develop the Day Reporting Center for ex-offenders to attend valuable workshops and counseling session for successful reentry into society. AFWD holds weekly workshop for participants in areas of Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Customer Service 101, Networking, Basic Life Skills, Transferrable Skills, Work Readiness and Verbal Communication.

AFWD values the team effort in providing these services and recognizes its importance not only to the participants but to the community as well.
What a Difference a Dad Makes”
To celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month the Lassen County Child Abuse Prevention Council hosted the First Annual Fatherhood Conference on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Lassen Community College. The conference included educational breakout sessions as well as informational booths from local service oriented organizations.

The Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. spent the afternoon greeting attendees and providing them with job seeker information, workshops, and other available services.

AFWD Annual Report to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors

On June 18, 2013, Traci Holt, AFWD Executive Director, gave the annual briefing to the Board of Supervisors on the operations of Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. throughout the county.

The briefing gave an update on the activities at Lassen Business and Career Network from July 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Topics included:

One Stop Customers July 1, 2012- March 31, 2013: A total of 11,872 job seekers utilized the many services available through Lassen Business and Career Network.

WIA Enrollments July 1, 2012-March 31, 2013: A total of 103 individuals have been enrolled in our WIA program with over $95,000 being spent so far to assist these individuals in supportive services, training and job search. The enrolled clients meet Department of Labor eligibility guidelines for WIA services. For those clients we have worked with, 94% have found employment, with an average wage of $12.25.

Rapid Response Activities: Since July 2012 through March 31, 2013, there have been 10 business closures or downsizings in Lassen County, which resulted in 113 individuals losing their jobs. 40% of the closures since July 1, 2012 were employers with 10 or less employees.

For more information on this report please contact Terri Hiser-Haynes at 530-257-5057, thaynes@ncen.org.
Graduation in our Outlying High Schools

After working together for nearly seven months, Youth Advisor Kim Keith celebrated her client’s success by attending Awards ceremonies and high school graduations at both Long Valley High School in Bieber California and Westwood High School in Westwood California.

All of the enrolled client’s graduated and many received scholarships. Of the six enrolled Youth clients, a total of $7,100.00 in scholarships was received! Five are already enrolled in college for the fall and one has secured a full time job. Alliance for Workforce Development Inc.’s Youth Program ensures that big things come out of our little schools. Way to go!!!
Making Dreams a Reality

Matthew Vorlicky was a youth with big dreams that just needed a little direction and encouragement to see that they happen. Lucky for him he came into the Business and Career Network where he met with a Youth Advisor and together they devised a plan.

Having only completed the 10th grade, Matthew worked on his GED diagnostics, met with his tutor, Sarah Couso and studied hard to prepare to take his GED. All of his hard work paid off and Matthew passed the GED with flying colors.

This was only part of the plan though. Seeking a stable living situation, he also completed workshops, wrote resumes and rigorously applied to open positions. Once again his determination paid off and Matthew was hired at Safeway as a Courtesy Clerk. It didn’t take Safeway long to realize his potential though. After only a month working there he was promoted to Grocery Clerk and now works full time in their Produce Department.

Great job Matthew!

New Career Center Advisor on Staff

Linda has lived in Lassen County for over twenty years, and is a recent graduate from Lassen Community College with an AS degree in Human Services and AS in Drug and Alcohol Paraprofessional. She is joining us as a Career Center Advisor, and is very excited about being able to help others in our community.

With her skills working with a diverse population of individuals, Linda offers up tried and true tools that will greatly benefit our job seeking community. Linda is the mother of 5, and the grandmother to 7.

She is pleased to be a new member of AFWD’s team.
For information on events and workshops

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