New Location

On May 5th, 2014 the doors opened to the new Sierra County Business and Career Network (BCN) office, now located at 305 S. Lincoln Street, in beautiful Sierraville California. Though we treasured our Loyalton office, we were given the opportunity to move to a more centralized location, which will allow AFWD to have an active presence throughout Sierra County. The Business and Career Network is dedicated to serving Sierra County, and we look forward to continued assistance for Job Seekers and Businesses in the Sierra County area. The new Sierraville office offers a large computer lab, a mini conference area, and a study/tutoring area that is available for businesses and clients to utilize. All of the great Alliance for Work Force Development (AFWD) programs will be offered, at our new location.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
July, 2014

Wednesday July 16th
Resume Building
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday July 23rd
Job Search & Social Networking
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday July 30th
ACE the Interview
10:00am – 12:00pm
On May 30th the Sierra County Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) presented a youth service overview at the Downieville High School. Youth Career Center Advisor, Kayte Puckett, spoke to the students about Youth Employment Services, in regards to training, education, and employment. Kayte also spoke about the importance of resumes in the 21st century when most applications are processed online with very little face-to-face contact with employers. The students were invited to come visit the new Sierraville location, to attend the Job Readiness workshops, and to talk in depth of how AFWD can assist in their career goals.
Along the Yuba River are the towns of Sierra City and Downieville. You will also find many resorts and campgrounds that provide outdoor recreation including fishing, kayaking, and swimming that are now being affected by the low water level.

Sierra County’s Business Service Representative, Joelle Breazier, has been hitting the pavement gathering information from Sierra County businesses on the affects and/or foreseen affects of the California drought.

Sierra County is known for its cattle ranches, resorts, lakes, camping, and tourism and all are being affected. Ranchers struggle to provide water to both their cattle and crops and are forced to sell some of their cattle early. With over 700 snowmobile trails and no snow this winter, resorts and local businesses have suffered through low winter tourism and sales. Low rivers and lakes this summer could also affect tourism, not to mention fire danger. Alliance for Workforce Development is dedicated in helping provide assistance to businesses affected. Staff will continue to gather information in hopes of bringing funding into the County and help the community.
Ingredients for Life

Joseph Nemcik came in to the Business & Career Network in Loyalton on a cold winter’s day in November 2013 asking for assistance in locating a job. He had left his job of fourteen years and had just moved here from the San Francisco Bay Area to assist his mother in the care of his ill father. Joe was dedicated in his job search. He would come into the America’s Job Center of California to utilize the Universal Services and attend the workshops.

On December 3rd 2013, Joe met with the Career Center Advisor and became our client and jointly they put together a job search plan to help him find a full-time career. He attended one of the Resume workshops and his professional resume was created. He diligently submitted applications for many positions.

In January 2014, Joe applied to the DMV in Susanville. He was notified to go and participate in their testing in February and the agency informed him they would contact him in about six weeks.

Joe continued to apply to other jobs as he waited to hear back from the DMV. He continued to attend as many workshops as he could, checked the job board and was offered a few more interviews. On February 26th, he was referred to a position and then applied at the Safeway in Truckee, California. A few days later he was invited to go to an interview and was offered a full-time position with Safeway as a Courtesy Clerk on March 2014. The pay was not what he wanted and he was informed that the position was only temporary.

In early May 2014, Joe was promoted to the General Merchandiser (GM) and then in late May 2014 started checking. He now has a great career. Congratulations Joe on your successful job search! Joe stopped by the new office in Sierraville for his photo session and to see the new office.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!