

Community Coordinator

Report

Sierra County

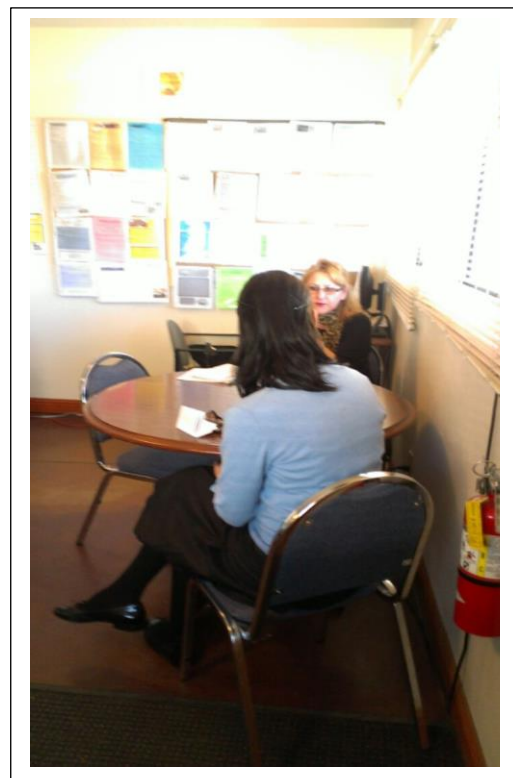
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Maximus Health Care Options

For nearly forty years, MAXIMUS has partnered with state, federal, and local governments to provide critical health and human service programs to a diverse array of communities. Maximus Health Care Options in contracted with the State of California to help explain and enroll medical recipients into health care plans. Sierra Business & Career Network assisted Maximus with the recruitment of staff in Sierra County. BCN staff referred qualified clients from the applicant pool as well as posted information about the recruitment on the Job Board. The job fair was held on September 18th at the Business and Career Network. Maximus was very grateful to BCN staff for the assistance with the recruitment.

"I want to thank you formally on behalf of myself and Heath Care Options for all your help with our job fair. It would have not been possible without your help. Thanks to you we have located, interviewed, and hired for our ESR positions. I am looking forward to working with you in the future."

*Thank you,
Fariba Shirakh,
Supervisor*



MILESTONE JOB FAIR

Saturday, September 28th, Sierra AFWD participated in the Milestone Job Fair at the California State University, Chico. What a turnout!



Milestone, headquartered in Fremont, is expanding their business and looking to hire 200+ individuals as Contact Center Customer Support and Supervision for their new location in Chico. AFWD helped to recruit 1000+ applicants and participants where put through a serious of prescreening and interviews. Over 600 happy applicants where scheduled for second interviews throughout the following week.



AFWD ROCKS!



AFWD One-Stop Statistics

Sierra Visitors

240

AFWD Business Services

Business Served	1091
Services Provided	3393
Positions Filled	725
Training Assistance	188

Program Services

New Enrollments this Quarter

Adult	111
Dislocated Worker	105
Youth	50
Employed	202

Unemployment Rate

Butte	10%	Plumas	9.6%
Lassen	9.7%	Sierra	10.5%
Modoc	9.6%		

Sierra County Career Center Advisor

The Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. would like to welcome Kari Tibbedeaux as the new Career Center Advisor in Sierra County.



Kari grew up in Plumas County, but spent brief times in Shasta, Sacramento, and San Joaquin counties during her teen and adult life. She spent five years serving on the Loyaltan and Portola ambulances, and currently resides in Portola California (Loyaltan's closest neighbor) where she, her husband, and her children have lived since 2002. Kari enjoys singing and is often found starring in local musical-theater productions. She also possesses an MBA as well as associates degrees in both Child Development and Liberal Arts.

Kari is excited to be a part of the AFWD team, and hopes to expand efforts to reach out to the surrounding communities, and strengthen the workforce, building hope and opportunity.

Sierra County Business Service Representative

The Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. would also like to welcome Joelle Breazier as the new Business Service Representative with our Business & Career Network team in Sierra County.

Originally from Southern California, Joelle relocated to Northern CA. in 1998 from Prescott Arizona, shortly after her second child, Destiny, was born. After spending 12 years in the Chester/Lake Almanor area and then 2 years in Greenville, Joelle has now been a resident of Quincy for a full year. Joelle states she has found her place in the world here in the beautiful Northern CA. Mountains.

As a 15 year resident of Northern CA, Joelle is very much interested in the communities' wellbeing and sustainability. After leaving her position with Plumas CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, she cares greatly about the families, and the success and quality of life here in the North part of the state. Joelle has a strong background in Business including management, marketing and sales and is spent a lot of time forming relationships with the businesses throughout Sierra County offering business services.



This Quarter's Success Stories

A New Life



The Success Story of Bryant Grund

Bryant had been struggling, and was finding it difficult to find and keep a job. Bryant had worked at Les Schwab for two weeks when he found his way to the Business & Career Network in Loyalton. He was temporarily living with a friend who works on a ranch and Bryant was helping his friend on the ranch in exchange for the boarding of his horse. Bryant told us he would soon have to move, but would need to continue to work to pay for the boarding of his horse. After completing a transferrable skills analysis, and reviewing his experiences, we discovered that truck driving appeared to be a good option for him. Bryant had been exploring career options on his own and had been referred for services by NorCal Truck School for training. In working with NorCal Truck School, Bryant passed all prerequisites for training. After making arrangements to live onsite, Bryant began training on July 15, 2013. By the end of August, Bryant had completed his training and is off to a new life as an Over the Road Driver for Navajo Trucking Company. Congratulations Bryant!

An Electrician's Dream

(Down the Road, And Back Again!)

The Success Story of Frank Cattaneo

Frank Cattaneo came to the Business & Career Network in January of 2013. He had been laid off from his job as an electrician with TC Construction. While working for TC Construction, Frank had worked on a few jobs at the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong. He said he enjoyed his time in Herlong and thought he might like to apply directly with URS. With our assistance, he was able to develop his resume, register with USAjobs.gov, and locate and apply for other local positions such as millwright, material handler, and fork-lift operator.

However, what Frank really hoped for was to someday return to what he knew and enjoyed; being an electrician. With this in mind, we also began a search for electrician's jobs slightly outside the area. Frank located and applied for electrician's jobs at Grand Sierra Resort in Reno NV, Charles River Laboratories in Reno NV, and North Star Ski Resort in Tahoe. In August, we discovered that Frank's old position at TC Construction had reopened. Frank took his new resume, applied, and got the job. He is now, once more, working full-time as an electrician for TC Construction. Congratulations Frank!

