AFWD in partnership with the EDD Workforce Services Branch recently developed and initiated a new Virtual AJCC Job Center. Those seeking assistance, who may not be able to make it into one of our local offices, can now access services online. Sierraville staff are one of several AFWD locations that are providing online assistance with virtual orientations to services, job opportunities, resume help, training assistance, local resources, and referrals, along with other one-stop services. In addition, Veterans and others who have questions regarding Unemployment Benefits, claims, California Training Benefits, CalJOBS, and other related services will be able to connect with staff from EDD Workforce Services.

This is a very exciting new resource that expands access to services to those who do not have easily available access to local AJCC services. Anyone can join the Virtual AJCC Job Center which is currently being offered Mondays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, by registering to attend ahead of time or dropping in the day of. Information is available on AFWD Website, and Social Media, registration can be completed at https://bit.ly/2XVCA1b or by scanning a QR CODE available on posted flyers.
Supporting the Behavioral Health Community

With Sierra County being a county smaller than most, our Sierraville office doesn’t get as much traffic as some of our other offices. This makes it much more rewarding when we are able to assist someone in the community that is in need. We have been working with Robert at Sierra Care Behavioral Health to help his clients connect with other community resources available to them. Just this week, Kohl from Downieville was referred to Alliance for Workforce Development from Robert.

Kohl was needing assistance with putting together his resume and job searching. He attended our Resume 101 webinar and was able to make significant progress in building his resume on his own. We’re looking forward to helping Kohl finish his resume, practice interviewing with mock interviews, and finding a job. Kohl would be a great fit for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, allowing us to further assist him with one-on-one service. We look forward discussing this during our next meeting.
Resume Assistance

With the growing need to fill healthcare positions in the Northstate, in collaboration with SMART Workforce Center, Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) launched a new job seeker resource. Healthcare has been a priority sector in Northern California for a long time due to the challenge of recruiting and retaining qualified healthcare providers ranging from entry-level to highly skilled. This challenge is even more difficult within the rural areas of our beautiful locale. While we have had an ongoing recruitment strategy in our area, a collateral challenge has been identified.

When recruiting medical providers into the counties we serve, the family members of these relocated individuals needed streamlined job-seeking assistance. Through a partnership between AFWD and SMART, in association with Partnership Health Plan and the many healthcare providers in the counties we serve, we are proud to present the Family Member Opportunities tool found on northstatejobs.com. This tool makes it much easier for the new members of our communities to lay down roots and grow with us.

The Family Member Opportunities tool will make it easy for future residents to connect to the America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) in the county where they will be moving. From the Family Member Opportunities webpage, the user can click on the county that they intend to relocate to and will then be directed to the website of the corresponding AJCC in that area. Once on the proper AJCC website, the candidate can call or fill out a “Contact Us” form. From there, the talented staff at the AJCC will follow up and identify how best to assist the job seeker.

This new tool is a big win for Northern California and will make it easier to retain medical providers and help with the growing workforce need in our area by connecting those who need a job to the employers who are hiring. AFWD and SMART are proud to join forces to assist the healthcare sector and make a positive impact on our community as a whole.

You can check out the website here: https://northstatejobs.com/medical-provider-family-member-opportunities/
Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. (AFWD) continues to promote open positions within each county it serves, including Sierra County. These job opportunities include the Loyalton, Downieville, Portola, and Sierra City areas. Our Job Posting Flyer has consisted of employment opportunities ranging from Office Assistant positions, Bus Drivers, Equipment Operators, Medical Assistants, Public Nurses, to Financial Officers and Environmental Health directors. Job seekers and partner agencies appreciate receiving these job posting flyers that are digitally released twice a week and find it user-friendly. The listed jobs are also posted on our Job Board at each location and many will have applicants screened by our staff per employer request. Customers are also encouraged to visit www.northstatejobs.com/AFWD for complete listings for all current recruitments from all serviced counties. AFWD strives on making job searching less intimidating and user-friendly as possible!

Assisting Our Community With Dixie Fire Outreach

With the strong need of resources and assistance for those affected by the Dixie Fire, AFWD’s team has come together to serve those affected. Neighboring Sierraville staff have been assisting with community outreach efforts throughout the region. Individuals attending recent Plumas and Lassen counties Disaster Relief and Local Assistance Centers, those referred from local partners such as Plumas Rural Services and EDD, as well as, visitors to our local AJCC offices, are being provided information and resources for assistance. Staff are reaching out to nearly 140 individuals affected by the recent disaster to provide contacts to local recovery resources such as information on December 2021 Roadmap to Recovery Virtual Workshops, Virtual AJCC, resume and job search virtual workshops and assistance, and Dixie Fire Recovery Term Positions available in Plumas County. In addition, information is being provided regarding the way in which AFWD can assist them in their efforts to rebuild themselves and the local community. Opportunities for Workforce Development Services such as Work Experience and On-the-Job Trainings have already begun through Dixie Fire Additional Assistance Grants. The work is just getting started and the AFWD Team will continue to reach out and be here to serve and support our communities.
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Statistics

Sierra County

One-Stop Visitors:
49

Businesses Served:
6

Business Services:
64

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Clients Enrolled:
725

Unemployment Rate
(As of: November 2021)
California 5.4%
Sierra 4.1%

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