From NDWG Participant to Caltrans Highway Maintenance Employee

Steven C. has been an asset to the Del Norte Workforce Center Storm Project, working at the Caltrans Maintenance Station in Crescent City, since June of 2017. Steven being a well-rounded handy person with all the eligibility requirements to join the Storm Project came in to the Del Norte Workforce and was put on the interview list for Caltrans Maintenance Station in Crescent City. Throughout his term, Steven created great working relationships with all the staff at the Caltrans Crescent City Maintenance Station, and was eventually hired at the Orleans Maintenance Station. Good Job Steven, we wish you the best in your Career with Caltrans!

2018 Del Norte County Annual Job Fair

On April 19th, 2018 Del Norte Workforce Center in partnership with Department of Health & Human Services’ Expanded Subsidized Employment Program, organized and successfully offered Del Norte County’s largest employer attended Job Fair thus far in history. Some employers made the commute from Shasta County, Sacramento County, Humboldt County, and Curry County to attend our annual Job Fair. Employers from every sector attended our Job Fair, and were satisfied with the outcome. Del Norte Workforce Center offered Pre Job Fair Workshops throughout the month of March and April to prepare Job Seekers. Overall, 60 employers attended our annual Job Fair, with about 255 Job Seekers. The majority of the Job Seekers came in interview ready, many had on-the-spot interviews and many companies hired directly from the Job Fair. Del Norte Workforce Center looks forward to next year’s event!
**Summer Youth Programs Kick-Off!**

In June, the Workforce Center had a successful start for two summer youth programs, E3 and STEPS. During the Work Readiness Bootcamp week, 43 high school students attended, learning about soft skills, interview techniques, creating resumes, learning about customer service and cash handling. At the end of that week, 39 had a job lined up, either through E3 or STEPS. Unfortunately, there weren’t enough businesses/organizations participating in E3 to give everyone a job….however, the hope is that next year we will continue to grow!

The Del Norte Unified School District’s TPP/Workability Program was a huge help with recruiting students for our STEPS program. Due to this wonderful partnership, the task of finding eligible students within our timeline, was a breeze! Also, nearly half of the potential worksites were lined up for our participants, which made our job that much easier. Work Experience sites include Del Norte Unified School District’s Maintenance Department & Information Technology Department, Walgreens, Del Norte Fairgrounds, Addie Meedom House, 4 Paws Pet Hospital, Local Boys Surf & Skate and The Club Fitness Center.

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**From NDWG Participant to Forestry Technician**

Irwin D., started working for Caltrans Idlewild Station as of June of 2017. Irwin exhausted his time under the National Dislocated Worker Grant although throughout his time working under the Storm Grant, Irwin worked on numerous applications for an array of State employers. Irwin eventually was able to get on with the Forestry Department at Six Rivers National Forest. Irwin is now earning a liveable wage and is striving in his new position. We are all very excited for Irwin and wish him the best in his future endeavors! Good job Irwin keep up the great work.
Total Employers Served
Unduplicated number of businesses served during this fiscal year.

Total Number of Business Services
Some of the services for businesses included: Outreach conducting face to face follow ups to keep our business relationships strong, recruitment, job postings, technical assistance, business needs; HR information; W/Ex information; Vocational assistance; job description creation assistance, dislocated worker assistance, Job Fair recruitment, Steps Grant outreach, and E3 Summer Youth outreach.

New Positions Filled

Existing Positions Filled
Hospitality (51); Skilled Trades (13); Retail (6); Healthcare (12); Professional (27); Government (5).

Financial Assistance for Employee Training
Work Experience (2), Dislocated Worker (1)

Rapid Response Services
No business closures this quarter.