

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board Chairman's Report

November 2012

Governor Recognizes Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board

Employment Statistics Pasco / Hernando Region October 2012

Unemployment Rate

- 9.8% Hernando
- 9.1% Pasco
- 8.2% Tampa Metro
- 8.2% Florida
- 7.5% U.S.

*Source: Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity (www.employflorida.com).

Numbers are not seasonally adjusted.

Upcoming Job Fairs and In-House Recruitments

In-House Recruitment
United Insurance Company
of America
December 10, 2012
10.00 a.m.
Career Central - New Port
Richey

PPN Meeting
"How to Become a Guardian
Ad Litem"
December 11, 2012
9.00 a.m.
Career Central - Spring Hill

During Workforce Florida's monthly meeting, Governor Rick Scott took the opportunity to make a special presentation to Jerome Salatino recognizing the workforce board's results in job placements. Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board provided assistance to 5,273 people who found jobs in August, September, and October 2012. In total the workforce board has provided assistance to 14,196 Floridians and has ranked No. 1 out of 24 other workforce boards 7 times since January 2012.



Board Chair Lex Smith was not able to attend the meeting but commented later that "the recognition by the Governor is appreciated, but more importantly I extend my appreciation to the dedicated staff who are committed to helping the residents of our region find employment".

Re-Employment Assistance Program Connects Job Seekers and Employers

Downsizing at Eckerd Youth resulted in the closing of the facility where Thierry Perrier was employed. Now unemployed, Mr. Perrier came to Career Central for re-employment assistance. Elizabeth Townsend, Customer Service Specialist assisted him with job searches, and utilizing Employ Florida Marketplace, she helped him apply for jobs with which his skill set matched. Fluent in German, English, and of course his native language, French, and with extensive previous experience ranging from business management to janitorial service, Mr. Perrier was willing to accept any job that would allow him to support his family.

Mr. Perrier received assistance in re-working his resume to highlight his valuable, relevant skills and previous experience. His resume was sent to Accuform, a local company in search of a bilingual Account Representative. Accuform reviewed his resume and arranged an interview with Mr. Perrier. In preparation for that interview, Mr. Perrier met with REA Lead Christina Sowers. After conducting a mock-interview, he felt comfortable in how to present himself, his positive attitude, and his skill set. Armed with the re-worked resume and confidence in his interviewing skills, he met with Accuform and was hired for the position of Bilingual Account Representative. Mr. Perrier called Ms. Sowers to share the good news. "Thank you and everyone who assisted me at Career Central. I know that the services you provided made the difference for me." He added that this permanent, full-time job will allow him to support his family financially.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

2013

January 10, 8.30 a.m.

Audit Finance Committee
Board Office
Brooksville

January 10, 9.30 a.m.

Executive Committee
Board Office
Brooksville

February 7, 2.00 p.m.

Business Competitiveness
Committee
Board Office
Brooksville

February 21, 1.30 p.m.

Youth Committee
Career Central
New Port Richey

February 21, 3.00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Career Central
New Port Richey

For a full list of meetings,
visit the Career Central
website and view our
calendar.



Youth Program Internship Maps the Future

Ryan DeLieto, 2012 graduate of Anclote High School, participated in the Youth STEM Program at Career Central in New Port Richey. During an industry tour at the Pasco County Government Complex, engineers in the GIS department were impressed by his



professional and friendly demeanor so much that they invited him to work there in an internship. "Ryan was such an amazing intern, we could not have asked for better", commented Jeremy Edwards, GIS/Addressing Supervisor.

Ryan learned a lot about the complexity of city planning issues such as water flow, velocity, and storm drainage which was of particular importance considering the impact of Tropical Storm Debby. Ryan was intrigued by the complexity of the various software programs used to create and maintain accurate maps of the county. Inspired by his internship experience, Ryan decided to pursue his love of math and science at the post-secondary and enrolled in St. Leo University. This fall he began working towards a degree in Computer Science and is also employed as a cashier at Publix in San Antonio as a cashier. Ryan says that the Youth Program helped him set his course for the future.

Career Central Food Drive Helps Provide Thanksgiving Meals to Needy Families

Staff from the Career Central offices donated food items to help ensure that needy families were able to enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal.

Donations from the New Port Richey office went to The Volunteer Way. Director Martha O'Brien was very appreciative of the delivery and said, "Thank you so much. We have more people here this year than ever before! This donation will go a long way to help people who are hungry. Bless you."

Staff at all three offices rose to the occasion purchasing one or two additional items while doing their own shopping. In total the generous donations from staff at the New Port Richey, Spring Hill and Zephyrhills offices helped feed nearly 20 families in the area.

A similar effort is underway for the Christmas holiday.

