



What's Happening Newsletter

October 18, 2016

OPEN HOUSE BOARD MEETING

Come see the remodeled facility and visit with staff and other board members. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 with the meeting starting at 6:00.

We hope to see all of you.

Manufacturing Day Events:

Manufacturing Day has been designed to expand knowledge and improve general public perceptions of manufacturing careers and manufacturing's value to the United States economy. This event gives manufacturers an opportunity to display their company products and show young students the careers that are available. Friday, October 7 our sector partners held a Manufacturing Day event at Mineral Area College, with 190 students (8th and 9th graders) attending. Then from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the general public was invited to observe what our area manufacturers produce, skills that are needed and openings available within the business. On Tuesday, October 11 our event was held at the Cape Girardeau Career & Technology center with 170 students (8th and 9th graders) attending. There were different manufacturing companies at each event, but the same activities and again open to job seekers from 2:00 -4:00 p.m.

Our sector team worked very hard to host this event and we feel it was a great success. Go to our website www.job4you.org for pictures and a short video of the days events.

SETA Conference:

Tammy and I attended the SETA (Southeastern Employment & Training Association) Conference September 25-28 in Biloxi, MS. We received good training from the Federal level regarding the implementation of Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the role of the Workforce Development Boards under WIOA.

SPYC and Summer Jobs:

We had 27 slots available for SPYC. 24 youth were hired to work at the state parks and historic sites in our region. The final four are currently working to complete their hours before the program ends on 10/31/16. Four of the participants entered post-secondary education, one returned to high school, and three were hired by their SPYC employer.

For Summer Jobs we had 120 slots available. Youth were placed with local employers to gain employment skills, build their work history, and explore career options while enhancing their soft skills as well as learning financial and budgeting skills. All youth have now completed their Summer Jobs work experience, with great results. Of those placed, six were hired by the Summer Jobs

employer, nine went on to other employment, twenty-one returned to school, and seven entered post-secondary education.

WIOA Youth Program Updates-September 2016:

Bollinger County – Sara Vise

Bollinger County has 6 enrollments for September, with 1 active and 5 young adults in follow-up. The actively enrolled young adult is looking forward to continuing AEL classes and gaining more independence through a Work Experience. We have been helping this young lady with job searches and filling out job applications when assistance has been needed. As we journey into the coming weeks, we are excited to make several new connections in the county for more enrollments. We made connections to gain potential clients and outreach to partners with the local Missouri Children's Division, Probation and Parole and Bollinger County high school counselors. This will assist with the success of the WIOA Work Experience for our Young Adults to allow them the opportunity for training in their field of choice following their Career Pathway. Work Readiness Classes are scheduled to begin soon for the young adults, assisting them with career choices and to learn soft skills for the workplace.

Total Enrolled: 1

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 5

Cape County – Sherri Long

Cape County WIOA Youth Program has 13 active enrollments with 2 in follow-up giving a total of 15 young adults served. One young lady is in the process of enrollment. She comes to us through a referral from the Mingo Job Corps.

Activity in the program has been exceptional. We are happy to have the opportunity to serve one young lady in particular this month. At enrollment she did not have her HSE Certification and was uncertain of her Career Path. Through enrollment in the WIOA Youth Program, she has completed her HSE and is enrolled at Metro Business College earning a degree in Business Administration. She is accomplishing this while being a single parent of 3 small children. Part of her success is due to a good support system at home. Thank goodness for Moms. She would like to find part-time employment and move closer to the Cape area to assist her with travel as she has a long commute at this time. We are assisting her through resources to secure housing. We also have a young man that has found full-time employment. His short-term goal is to earn his HSE. We will work together to achieve this goal in the near future.

With the changing weather so comes changes in our expectations for Cape County. We have the opportunity to work within the Job Center and take advantage of their knowledge and services while serving the Young Adults in our area. Our expectations for the coming year are continued growth and to provide a wide array of services and resources to insure all Young Adults have the opportunity for a successful future.

Total Enrolled: 13

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 1

Total in Follow-Up: 2

Dunklin County – Valerie Smith

Dunklin County currently has 14 enrollments; 10 active and 4 in follow-up. We have 1 new enrollment and 0 exits for the month of September. This month the Dunklin Office has been focusing on building resumes, job searching, filling out applications, and working on interview skills. Several

enrolled young adults have utilized the Kennett Job Center to job search. During the month of September, 2 youth successfully completed the WIOA Work Experience Program. 1 has been offered full time employment from the employer as a screen printer. This client aspired to be a screen printer, so we are excited that her hard work has paid off and now she has obtained her dream job!

Dunklin County has 5 clients who are actively participating in AEL classes. During the month of September, 2 of our Dunklin County youth passed their HiSet Exam! Both of these clients are interested in furthering their education and are now looking into colleges in the area. We also had 1 youth bring her TABE scores up and 1 other youth who took the NCRC and scored a "Bronze". 1 youth from Dunklin County is participating in CNA classes through the Kennett Job Center & the Kennett Vocational Center. She is in the clinical section and will gain her certification on October 12, 2016. She has been working hard at applying for CNA jobs in our area.

Dunklin County has had many potential youth visit the office this month seeking enrollment into the WIOA Youth Program. All and all, this has been a great month for Dunklin County!

Dunklin County WIOA Youth Program continues to grow.

Total Enrolled: 10

Enrolled This Month: 1

Total Exits: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 4

Iron County – Angel Pickens

Iron County has 1 enrollment; 1 active youth and 0 youth in follow up. We have 0 new enrollments and 0 exits for the month of August.

We are working with the 1 active, employed youth to begin attending AEL classes. He has taken his TABE test and is working on getting a schedule he can balance to be able to attend night classes. We continue to attend meetings to share information about the WIOA Youth Program with various community members and agencies. Due to community outreach, referrals and promotion of the youth program we are currently working with 6 young adults for possible enrollment in the youth program within the next few months. Our efforts through letters, home visits, phone calls and other opportunities have continued to be effective in keeping youth engaged and excited about their future Career Pathways.

Total Enrolled: 1

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 0

Madison County – Angel Pickens

Madison County has 6 enrollments; 4 active and 2 in follow up. We have 0 new enrollment and 0 exits for the month of September.

There are 2 youth attending AEL classes. One (1) youth has passed the Science section of the HSE and is preparing to schedule the remaining exams to obtain her HSE by November. We have 3 active youth employed and gaining work experience in the community. We are continuing to make contacts in the area to develop new work experience sites for our youth. This month we met with the owner of Junk N the Trunk. We have 1 youth that will be starting a Work Experience there at the beginning of October. We continue to attend meetings to share information about the WIOA Youth Program with various community members and agencies. Due to community outreach, referrals and promotions of the youth program we are currently working with 1 young adult that will be enrolled in the youth program next month. Our efforts through letters, home visits, phone calls and other opportunities have continued to be effective in keeping youth engaged and excited about their future Career Pathways.

Total Enrolled: 4

Enrolled This Month: 0
Total Exited: 0
Total in Follow-up: 2

Mississippi County – James Hollywood

Mississippi County currently has 7 active enrollments with 0 new enrollments and 0 exits for the month.

This month the Mississippi County WIOA Youth Program has been working on building relationships and partnerships within the county. We currently have 3 clients that are working part time with the county and one client that is working towards completing his HSE within the next month.

Young adults in the county will also be working on leadership development such as preparing for employment; by polishing or creating a resume, interview skills, exploring post-secondary education opportunities and participating in workshops. Mississippi County Youth Program will also be working local organizations such as Susana Wesley's Family Learning Center with potentially enrolling new youth in the WIOA Youth Program.

The month of October appears to be a busy and exciting month for the youth in Mississippi County.

Total Enrolled: 7

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

New Madrid County – James Hollywood

New Madrid County currently has 15 enrollments with; 11 active clients and 4 in follow-up. We have 0 new enrollments and 2 exits for the month of September.

In the month of September the New Madrid youth office has been focusing on applying for job openings and post-secondary education, creating resumes, studying for Work-Keys assessments, and studying for HSE. New Madrid County Youth currently has two clients that are working diligently in preparing for their HSE. We have one young adult nearing completion of her work experience plan and one young adult successfully who has completed Summer Jobs. We also have two young people that are no longer Basic Skills Deficient. New Madrid County also has several young adults that have applied to local universities and have started the process for post-secondary education. One youth as applied at Three Rivers Community College and has taken the college placement exam and has completed her FASFA. In the next month she will schedule her orientation which will allow her to schedule her classes to begin in the fall. New Madrid County Youth has been extremely busy the month of September.

One of the newly enrolled young ladies deserves the spotlight for the month. This young lady had sporadically entered the doors of MERS/Goodwill over the past two years in one capacity or the other. Whether it is to attend HSE classes or to request job search services. We have continued to work with her in hopes she would decide to begin a career path of success. In the past the client attendance was low in GED/HSE classes, TABE scores were below the average and she failed to fully engage. Over the past two months of her enrollment she has increased her grades and is no longer Basic Skills Deficient. While preparing for her the HSE she also completed the Summer Jobs Program. She completed the required 240 hours at the Lilbourn City Hall and manages to come to the office and work on preparing for HSE. While also being a single mom! She is in the process of creating a resume, completed the Work-Keys assessment and obtained her HSE.

In the upcoming month, New Madrid County Youth Program will continue to provide services to help enrolled clients reach goals and enrolling new youth in the WIOA Youth Program. The month of October is expected to be a big month for the youth in New Madrid County.

Total Enrolled: 11

Enrolled This Month: 1

Total Exited: 2
Total In Follow-Up: 4

Pemiscot County – Valerie Smith

Pemiscot County currently has 15 enrollments; 12 active and 3 in follow-up. We have 0 new enrollments and 0 exits for the month of September. This month the Pemiscot Office has been focusing on building resumes, job searching, filling out applications, and working on interview skills. Several young adults have applied for jobs around the area and have interviews scheduled. During the month of September, 3 clients successfully completed the Work Experience Program. 2 have been offered permanent positions from their Work Experience employers. Pemiscot County has 4 other young adults employed full time.

Pemiscot County has 3 clients actively participating in AEL classes. 2 are attending classes online and 1 client is attending HSE classes on site. We are proud to announce a young lady from Pemiscot County successfully earned her HSE Certification. We have received notification from the local AEL site that this young lady will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship per semester to any college that she selects to attend. She has completed her FASFA and plans on starting college in the spring. We are super excited that one of our young people was selected to receive this scholarship!

We have 2 young adults from Pemiscot County participating in CNA classes through the Kennett Job and will gain their certification on October 12, 2016. There are 2 enrolled young adults who entered higher education. 1 young adult enrolled in the dental assistance program and another client is taking her basics at TRCC in Kennett.

Pemiscot County Youth Program worked with one young adult in a position of losing her housing. Through working with MERS/Goodwill and the WDB as well as community resources, she was able to find her own housing, obtain furniture, and secure the funds to move out on her own. We worked with her to create and follow a budget in order for her to maintain her housing and continue her goal of self-sufficiency.

Pemiscot County has had many potential youth visit the office this month seeking enrollment into the WIOA Youth Program. October is looking bright for Pemiscot County!

Total Enrolled: 12
Enrolled This Month: 0
Total Exited: 0
Total In Follow-up: 3

Perry County – Stacy Snider

We currently have 4 enrolled in the WIOA Youth program and 1 youth in Follow up. We have 1 youth working part time and 1 youth working full time.

Perry County continues to grow in success. We are very excited to announce that 1 of our Perry County WIOA Young Adults has received his letter of acceptance into the Pharmacy Technician Program through Mineral Area College. He completed his first interview before a panel deciding on his acceptance into the Pharmacy Technician program. Our young man is currently participating in Work Experience at Healthcare Healthmart and is doing a fantastic job. He has taken his National Career Readiness Certification and is on the path to co-enrolling into the WIOA Adult program. This young man is taking all steps necessary to have a successful career. He made the statement that the MERS/WIOA program is fantastic.

We had the opportunity to attend a workshop on Motivating Youth by Igniting Sparks. We were able to pull from the experience of other community members who work with youth. They presented alternative activities that work for them and we were able to make contacts with others to be able to present more available resources to our Young people. The WDB provided the opportunity to attend a Re-Entry simulation in Cape Girardeau giving insight to barriers participants are experiencing upon

re-entry back into the public sector. The information provided will definitely assist the customers we serve.

We are looking forward to a very successful new year. The office will be full of excitement, youth, new experiences, learning opportunities, job skills, High School Equivalencies earned, Work Experiences, and career path successes. We are looking forward to sharing our success this year with all of you.

Total Enrolled: 4

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total In Follow-up: 1

Scott County – James Hollywood

Scott County Youth Program has 14 enrollments with 9 active clients and 5 in follow-up. We have 0 new enrollments and 0 exits for the month of September.

In the month of September we have been working on building relationships and partnerships within the county. The young adults in Scott County are working to accomplish goals set as they work to obtain successful career pathways.

In the upcoming month the Scott County Youth will be working on partnership, goal setting and other leadership opportunities for the youth in Scott County.

October is looking to be a good month for the youth in Scott County.

Total Enrolled: 9

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total In Follow-up: 5

St. Francois County – Angel Pickens

St. Francois County has 13 enrollments; 10 active and 3 in follow up. We have 0 new enrollments and 0 exits for the month of September.

There are 8 Young Adults employed and gaining work experience. We have 1 youth participating in Work Experience at Rocky Creek Ranch. We have 1 youth participating in the Scholars @ Work program. He has successfully increased his reading and Language TABE scores from level 4 to Level 5. He also increased his Math score from level 3 to level 4. We have 2 youth enrolled in AEL classes, making great progress towards obtaining their HSEs. We have 1 Young Adult that obtained his HSE this month. His total scale score was 88. We have 1 more youth ready to take her HiSet exam within the next two months. We continue to attend meetings to share information about the WIOA Youth Program with various community members and agencies. This month we provided information about the Youth Program to the local Family Support Division, two local Ministries, the St. Francois Co. Health Department, and the North Co. School District. Due to the convenience of the Youth office being located in the Park Hills Job Center we are able to speak with many young adults that are potential candidates for the youth program. Due to community outreach, referrals and promotions of the youth program we are currently working with 14 young adults for possible enrollment in the youth program within the next 2 months. Enrollment appointments have been set for 2 youth in October. We are continuing to make contacts in the area to develop new work experience sites for our youth. Our efforts through letters, home visits, phone calls and other opportunities have continued to be effective in keeping youth engaged and excited about their future Career Pathways.

Total Enrolled: 10

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-up: 3

Ste. Genevieve – Stacy Snider

Ste. Genevieve County Youth program continues to grow. We have 14 Active Youth and 3 Youth in Follow up. There are 2 youth working full time and 8 youth working part time. We have 1 youth completing his National Career Readiness Certificate this month. There was 1 youth who completed the State Parks Youth Corp program and was hired by Hawn State Park.

High School Equivalency classes remain busy. There are 5 youth enrolled in day classes and 2 adults. Probation and Parole have partnered with the AEL. There are 2 enrolled in HSE classes and are working towards their HSE certification. We have 3 adults enrolled in Night classes and 1 Scholar @ Work. We have 1 youth who increased from a performance level of 4 to a performance level of 5 in Math. We currently have 3 youth attending High School Equivalency classes who are working towards enrollment into the WIOA Youth program.

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Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 1

Total in Follow-up: 3

Stoddard County – Sara Vise

Stoddard County Youth Program has 8 enrolled young adults, 1 new enrollment and 1 young adult in follow up. September was a productive month for the young adults in Stoddard County. Enrolled customers continue to be successful in AEL classes, attending regularly and fulfilling their hours. One young lady tested and passed the HiSet and gaining her HSE certification as well as gaining a second part-time job. Setting new goals for herself she plans to complete the FAFSA and college applications in the coming weeks. Her long term goal is to work with animals and eventually become a Veterinarian. Another young lady is preparing for the HiSet Test in the coming weeks. As we journey into the coming weeks, we are excited to see several young adults exhibit self-initiative to job search for employment to begin their journey to independence.

Work Readiness Classes are scheduled to begin soon for the young adults, assisting them with career choices and to learn soft skills for the workplace. We had the opportunity to network with the high school counselors in Stoddard County as well as the local PAT Advisory Board. We made connections to gain potential clients and outreach to partners, as well as resources to assist the young adults we work with. This will assist with the success of the WIOA Work Experience for our Young Adults to allow them the opportunity for training in their field of choice following their Career Pathway.

Total Enrolled: 7

Enrolled This Month: 1

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 1

“Our Vision: A High Quality Standard of Life for Our Region”

“Our Mission: To Promote a State of Economic Well-Being by Helping to Create a Skilled, Diverse, Motivated, and Adaptable Work Force”

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