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CARSON YOUTH BENEFIT FROM BRIDGE TO WORK JOB FAIR

Thirty Carson youth came dressed for success and met with potential employers at the Carson Bridge to Work Job Fair that was presented by the City of Carson and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), September 28, 2007, at the Carson Community Center.

The youth attended the job fair after successfully completing 30 hours of employment success training that included resume writing and interview preparation. Interviewing the youth were representatives from LAX, Farmers Insurance, Aerotek, Daniels Jewelers, Gold's Gym, APS (Aero Port Service), Securitas, Sears, Superior Warehouse, Homeinstead, Warehouse Shoe Sale, and Hometown Buffet. Also participating were El Camino College and the Gardena-Carson Adult School who provided information about vocational training and education opportunities.

The Bridge to Work Program provides employment and training services to youth 16-21 years of age as a constructive alternative to gang involvement and other anti-social activities. The program is operated by the City of Carson in response to rising incidents of gang-related crime in Carson and surrounding communities and will continue throughout October with Customer Service Training at California State University Dominguez Hills.

"Bridge to Work is definitely the right program that can assist the City of Carson in providing employment opportunities and positive alternatives for its youth and others seeking to enter the job market," noted Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director. He further noted that some of the youth received job offers within 24 hours of the job fair and a majority of the others had been called back for second interviews.

The SBWIB has recently contracted with the City of Carson to expand Carson's 20-year old Job Clearinghouse to serve youth and adult job seekers through a One-Stop Center that is scheduled to open later this month.

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CAPTION

Los Angeles World Airports representative Clarence Espinoza interviews first time job seekers at the City of Carson/SBWIB Bridge to Work Job Fair held September 29th at the Carson Community Center.