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Dear partner,

Welcome to the latest edition of "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization including upcoming events, encouraging stories of success, and achievements throughout the South Bay Area on a monthly basis.

We encourage you to visit any one of our social media outlets or websites (see below) for additional information and resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel

SUCCESS STORIES



Charles Taylor

Reentering Community Life

Charles Taylor, a low income individual on Parole, living in a transitional housing program as required by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, sought employment services from the South Bay Business & Career Center - Inglewood.

Mr. Taylor attended an orientation, was deemed eligible and subsequently enrolled in the WIOA adult program and co enrolled in the partner Reentry program with Friends Outside Los Angeles. Mr. Taylor decided to pursue training at RWM Fiber Optics in Carson where he

enrolled into the Fiber Optics Broadband Technician program.

Mr. Taylor has made a successful reentry into the community and is grateful for the services. He is now gainfully employed, saving for his apartment, and intends to pursue additional career advancement opportunities within the Utilities sector.

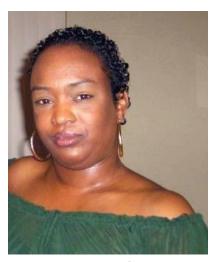
Mr. Taylor expressed gratitude for all the assistance he received, "Thank You - You guys provided me with the tools I needed the most to jump start my career and to get to where I want to go."

Read full success story here

Structuring a Resume for the Dream Job

Larchelle Gray, mother of a nineteen and a four-yearold, found herself putting her education on pause due to financial difficulties. She was sending out an average of ten resumes per day and received no callbacks. Not having her professional license made finding a job challenging.

Ms. Gray requested CalWORKS services and was enrolled in the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program, Job Club, and referred to the



Larchelle Gray

Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) program for employment services. She obtained assistance in restructuring her resume so that employers would look at it differently.

After completing the TSE program, her counselor recommended her for a clerical position at the YWCA Greater Los Angeles, where she was able to work with at risk families as well as intimate partner violence victims. This position opened doors for Ms. Gray to connect with employers allowing her to make the connections she needed in the field of her interest.

She is currently working as a clinical specialist with Project STRIVE at the Nathanson Family Resilience Center in UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, a family based intervention for homeless and runaway youth.

For those in a similar situation as her, she advises, "You're never too old to learn, try to learn as much as you can and don't give up, the services are there for you so make sure you commit to them 100%."

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Overcoming Fears

Before seeking job assistance at the South Bay One-Stop Career Center - Torrance, Tristin, a youth residing in Torrance, had no work history and her biggest challenge was to overcome the anxiety she had of applying to jobs.

Tristin was enrolled into the One Stop Career Center youth program. Staff set her up with work readiness classes and an internship at Affordable Bookkeeping and Payroll Services.

Tristin

One-Stop Center staff continued to build her confidence and prep her for preparing job applications and how to conduct a successful interview. However, Tristin did so well in her internship with Affordable Book-keeping and Payroll Services after completing her hours the manager decided to permanently hire Tristin.

Tristin stated, "I think the helpful and caring [One Stop] staff led me to gain more confidence in myself and my abilities. The South Bay One-Stop helped me achieve my goal of finding a long term job position, along with providing me with job training and knowledge of how to present myself in a professional way."

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A Continued Partnership

The Terranea Resort is a 102-acre property with 582 guestrooms that requires a large workforce to maintain the grounds and the guestrooms.

T E R R A N E A[®] L.A.'S OCEANFRONT RESORT

Terranea Resort first opened its doors in 2009 and previously utilized staffing agencies to fill

Terranea Resort

their permanent and temporary positions. With challenges of finding the right individuals, they looked elsewhere and found partnership with the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center - Torrance.

Collaborative recruitment events were organized and held at the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center - Torrance, that attracted job seekers throughout the South Bay. Terranea was so satisfied with the results they decided to primarily work with One-Stop staff. To this day, the One-Stop continues to host pre-screenings for candidate referrals to the resort.

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Fiber Optics Master Plan gets press in the Daily Breeze - August 5, 2017

Southern California stands to profit immensely from investment by tech companies building a future here. But the wealth will continue to be unevenly distributed unless smaller, poorer cities can develop the light-

speed communications infrastructure of Silicon Beach.

The infrastructure is expensive to install and requires a major shift in thinking for many regions.

The SBWIB and South Bay Cities Council of Governments, two nonprofits dedicated to spurring regional job growth and modernizing government services, joined forces and

commissioned a study on the issue, The South Bay Fiber-Optic Master Plan.

Without government intervention, wealthy cities will continue to get richer and the poor poorer, according to the broadband study by Denver-based Magellan Advisors. The consulting firm specializes in helping governments transition into "smart communities."

"A smart South Bay starts with the cities getting more bandwidth for less," the Fiber-Optic Master Plan states. "The full vision is of high-tech companies starting up, relocating and growing across the South Bay." Small local governments need to work together so they can all affordably build the infrastructure of the future now. A regional approach would prevent smaller, poorer cities from being left behind, the report states.

Read the Daily Breeze article here Visit SBWIB's Broadband site here

The SBWIB Receives Grant to Serve Homeless Veterans

The SBWIB was awarded a \$97,000 grant from U.S. Vets in Inglewood to provide employment services to homeless veterans throughout the South Bay region. The funding comes from the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) through the



Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service. The funding obtained will also provide assistance to veterans who were formerly incarcerated or will soon be released and are now seeking employment.

Read press release here



The SBWIB Presents Aero-flex Pre-Apprentice with Certificate of Completion

The SBWIB and Unilateral Apprenticeship Committee (UAC) members of the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA) Program presented students with certificates to congratulate their completion in the program on July 19th, 2017. Parents of apprentices were in attendance to witness as students received their certificates and talk to companies about their experience in the program.

This employer-centric earn and learn model gives pre-apprentices the chance to learn about exciting, well-paying local engineering career opportunities and connect with top employers while gaining valuable work experience.

Click here to learn more about Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Download press release here

4th Annual A Day in the Life of a College Student

Fifteen eighth graders got to experience this year's 4th Annual *A Day in the Life of a College Student.* Students were taken on an overnight field trip to visit California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) on July 18th and 19th.



Students started their experience at the Hawthorne Teen Center as they engaged in dialogue with each other on college topics. They were asked to share with their peers their aspirations for college; where they wished to attend college, what they hope to major in, their dream job, as well as share a little about their families and plans for the summer. They were then taken to the campus, took a tour, experienced living in the dorms and more.

This ongoing field trip and partnership with the Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers and CSU Dominguez Hills aims to get youth college bound from an early age. For more youth opportunities visit SouthBayYouth.org



ANNOUNCEMENT

Purchase Your Tickets to attend the SBWIB's 22nd Annual Alumni Awards

Ceremony - Now AvailableOnline!

Every year the SBWIB and community partners in the South Bay come together to congratulate and award participants who have successfully made it through various SBWIB programs, got training and found jobs. This event not only recognizes them, but also raises funds to support our youth programs and teen centers.

Date: Thursday, October 12th, 2017 Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Location: Torrance Marriott 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503

Click here to purchase tickets or a table

Veteran Construction Career Pathway Program

On July 27th, 2017 South Bay One Stop Business and Career Centers - Inglewood, Construction and Utilities Pathway Program (CUPP) in partnership with Kiewit, hosted the first of what is expected to be recurring



information sessions for Veterans interested in pursuing construction careers while working on the Los Angeles Football Stadium and Entertainment District at Hollywood Park project.

Kiewit is committed to providing opportunities, training and support to United States military men and women as they transition to civilian life. Kiewit recognizes their unique skill sets and aptitudes that will support their successful careers in the construction and engineering industry.

Through a continued commitment to Veteran hiring initiatives, this partnership aims to make a positive impact on the Los Angeles Football Stadium and Entertainment District at Hollywood Park project and the communities we serve.

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WHAT'S NEW

Youth Job Opportunities

Job openings for youth in the South Bay, ages 16 and older. Connect youth that have current school or work permits to the list below for job opportunities.

Download list here

South Bay Training

SouthBayTraining.org provides online education to business owners and their employees at an affordable cost. This site offers online classes with expert instructors and cutting edge content. The courses are enaging and interactive and mobile friendly. A certificate is provided upon completion. Visit **SouthBayTraining.org** to view the courses today!



Download flyer here



Flyers

Visit the SBWIB and South Bay One Stop Business & Career Center's flyer page to locate any flyer about the programs currently available. Feel free to download and distribute as needed.

Flyers link

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17: Veteran Services

The South Bay Business & Career Center - Gardena One-Stop hosts training, employment services and more for veterans. **Time:** By Appointment: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. **Location:** 16801 S. Western Ave. Gardena, CA 90247

CONNECT WITH US

For the latest information and events taking place in the South Bay Area, be sure to check us out on social media at the following outlets:

LinkedIn - (South Bay 1-Stop) and (South Bay Workforce Investment Board) Twitter (@SouthBayWIB, @SouthBayJobsCA) Facebook (South Bay Workforce Investment Board - SBWIB, South Bay Jobs, Gardena One-Stop), Hawthorne Teen Center, Inglewood Teen Center Pinterest (SouthBayWIB), Hawthorne Teen Center Instagram (SouthBayWIB), Inglewood Teen Center, Hawthorne Teen Center YouTube (South Bay Workforce Investment Board)

For more information and resources, be sure to visit <u>SBWIB.org</u> <u>SouthBay1Stop.org</u> <u>SouthBayBusiness.org</u> <u>SouthBayTraining.org</u> <u>SouthBayYouth.org</u> <u>SouthBayJobs.org</u> <u>iCareInglewood.com</u> <u>CYS-Ia.org</u>





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