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.

It is with great pride that we also present the 2016 - 2017 Annual Report that highlights the achievements of the SBWIB as well as some of the success stories that have been made by our individual and corporate clients and training providers.

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

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel
Executive Director
SBWIB

2016 - 2017 Annual Report

We welcome you to go through the 2016 - 2017 Annual Report and review some of our expanding services and achievements.

Download Annual Report here
SUCCESS STORIES

Elizabeth Croft, a resident of El Segundo, visited the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Center-Inglewood after being laid off from Carson-based Leight Sales following its closure in 2015. She had served as Marketing Manager with extensive experience in digital asset management.

Ms. Croft attended an orientation and subsequently enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program. After completing career counseling sessions and working with her career counselor to develop an individual employment plan, Ms. Croft decided to pursue a Project Management Professional (PMP) Certificate through i-TRAIN partner - UCLA Extension.

Upon completion of her training Ms. Croft secured employment with Carson-based Tabletops Unlimited as a Digital Imaging Consultant with an hourly wage of $25.00. Ms. Croft has made a successful transition into the workforce and is grateful for the training assistance and employment.

"Never thought I would be doing this again (graphic design). Thank you for all of your hard work and everyone there at Inglewood One Stop. You do good work for the right reason."

Liam Fortune, Redondo Beach resident and a Post 9/11 Veteran joined the United States Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman shortly after High School. He had limited knowledge about the civilian workforce following his discharge in 2005. He held various entry-level positions in the construction and oil refinery industry; however, he lacked the safety certifications needed for the progression of his career. Mr. Fortune visited the South Bay Business and Career Center where he attended orientation and enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program.

After working with his career counselor to develop an individual employment and a construction career pathway plan, he enrolled in training and obtained a LiUNA Local 1309/Safety Attendant Certification. He began as an apprentice with Local 1309 working with Schultz Mechanical Contractors, earning $22.00 an hour, and is on track to become a journeyman in his trade. Due to his previous work history, extensive military training, and newly acquired industry recognized certification, Mr. Fortune has made a successful transition into the workforce.

"I am grateful for the assistance and direction received from the staff and the training partner."
Meet Kamika Franklin

Ms. Franklin, mother of two children, enrolled with North East Work Source Center under the Enhanced Transitional Subsidized Employment (E-TSE) Program when she was homeless. She was referred to "Dress 4 Success" and received Blueprint Training, to help her with job preparation. Upon completing her training she started her assignment in a Paid Work Experience position for Goodwill in the Workforce Career Development, applied for an open position and now gets the opportunity to work for Goodwill.

Read Ms. Franklin's full story here

"I'm very grateful for the E-TSE program because it helped me gain more knowledge and experience, and find a job."

Inglewood One-Stop Employment Program Results for Construction Job in 2017

Inglewood’s One-Stop Employment Center helped 246 individuals secure construction jobs in 2017. Over half of the apprenticeships and direct hires were Inglewood residents.

Source: Southbay Workforce Investment Board
SBWIB Aero-Flex Team Successfully Registers First Aerospace Engineering Apprenticeship of its Kind in the Nation

The SBWIB Aero-Flex team has successfully registered the first apprenticeship in the nation for Aerospace Engineer. The new apprenticeship was just approved by the National USDOL Office of Apprenticeship.

Big thank you to all partners that helped make this possible and thank you to the National USDOL Office of Apprenticeship for their expedient processing of the request. More details to come soon.

Visit the Manufacturing site here for more on the Aero-Flex program

IN THE NEWS

SBWIB Receives Funding to Advance Pre-Apprenticeships in Advanced Manufacturing

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has awarded two grants totaling $1,000,000 to West Los Angeles College and Torrance-based Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SoCal ROC).

The grant awarded to West Los Angeles College will fund an employer centric Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA) track for advanced manufacturing; and the grant to the Southern California Regional Occupational Center will fund a Pre-Apprenticeship in Non Destructive Testing in partnership with American Aerospace Technical Academy (AATA).

Read complete press release here

SBWIB Partners with SBCCOG and PATH to Initiate Pilot Program to Assist Homeless

HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP FORMED

A pilot program that will provide regional coordination to better facilitate the delivery of housing support services, employment training and job placement assistance for homeless individuals has been initiated by the SBWIB, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).

The SBWIB will host PATH case workers at its Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center to work with homeless applicants seeking housing and other basic assistance. The organizations will work together to deliver the basics needs with the assistance necessary to gain employment and a steady income.

Read complete press release here
SBWIB Hosts I-CARE Advisory Board Meeting and Presents Scholarship to Local Youth

The SBWIB awarded a $500 scholarship to Inglewood resident Samaj Perry, a recent graduate of Morningside High School, during the Inglewood Community and Regional Engagement Project (I-CARE) Advisory Board December meeting. The I-CARE Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has demonstrated a financial need in order to continue their education.

The I-CARE project has attracted a broad spectrum of community partners as it carries out its goal to reduce risk factors that contribute to gang-related crime and violence. This is done through coordination with law enforcement and services provided by the City of Inglewood, schools and community partners. More than 600 youth have been served during this time period.

View Inglewood News here
Read full press release here

SBWIB Hosts Hawthorne Teen Center 9th Anniversary Celebration

More than 100 youth, parents, civic and educational leaders attended a celebration marking the ninth anniversary of the Hawthorne Teen Center, December 7, 2017, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

View Hawthorne Press Tribune News here
Download Press Release here
WHAT'S NEW

Senior Employment Opportunities

The Senior Employment Opportunities Program offers employment services to seniors 55 years of age or older.

Program opportunities include; earning $12 an hour while seeking employment and working at a non-profit for up to 48 months, assistance to full and part-time employment, second career training opportunities, updating skills in today's workplace and more.

Seniors must be unemployed, meet family income requirements, be authorized to work in the U.S. and be 55 years of older.

Download flyer here

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for Proposals for Enhanced Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program for CalWORKs Homeless Participants Service Providers

The SBWIB on behalf of the City of Inglewood is seeking qualified service provider(s) to perform the same functions as the One-Stops/American Job Centers of California (AJCC), to assist in obtaining the goal of placing eligible CalWORKs Homeless participants into Paid Work Experience (PWE), On-the-Job (OJT), Specialized Work Experience (SWE), activities and/or Classroom training courses.

Full Request for Proposal (RFP) may be downloaded at the link below. For more information contact Tracey Atkins; (310) 970-7700; tatkins@sbwib.org.

Download full RFP here

The Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship

The Facebook Journalism Project has partnered with some of the leading journalism organizations in the Country to establish The Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship program. Scholarships will be offered starting with the 2018-2019 school year.

Under this scholarship grant, each organization will receive $250,000 in total to award $50,000 a year for five years to each organization; and five awards of $10,000 will be granted to applicants per year. Eligibility list and more information may be found on the link below.

Article link
Flyers

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

Flyers link

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20: Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship project webinar

Join the Workforce Innovation Team on the next Accelerator Innovation Toolkit webinar. Learn more about SBWB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship project.

**RSVP by February 15th here**

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Online

Download flyer here

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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](https://www.linkedin.com/company/south-bay-one-stop/)) and ([South Bay Workforce Investment Board](https://www.linkedin.com/company/south-bay-workforce-investment-board/))

Twitter (@SouthBayWIB, @SouthBayJobsCA)

Facebook ([South Bay Workforce Investment Board](https://www.facebook.com/SouthBayWIB/), [South Bay Jobs](https://www.facebook.com/SouthBayJobsCA/), [Gardena One-Stop](https://www.facebook.com/Gardena-One-Stop/), [Hawthorne Teen Center](https://www.facebook.com/HawthorneTeenCenter/), [Inglewood Teen Center](https://www.facebook.com/InglewoodTeenCenter/)

Pinterest ([SouthBayWIB](https://www.pinterest.com/southbaywib/), [Hawthorne Teen Center](https://www.pinterest.com/hawthorneteencenter/), [Inglewood Teen Center](https://www.pinterest.com/inglewoodteencenter/)

Instagram ([SouthBayWIB](https://www.instagram.com/southbaywib/), [Hawthorne Teen Center](https://www.instagram.com/hawthorneteencenter/), [Inglewood Teen Center](https://www.instagram.com/inglewoodteencenter/)

YouTube ([South Bay Workforce Investment Board](https://www.youtube.com/c/SouthBayWIB/)

For more information and resources, be sure to visit

[SBWIB.org](https://www.sbwib.org/)

[SouthBay1Stop.org](https://www.southbay1stop.org/)

[SouthBayBusiness.org](https://www.southbaybusiness.org/)

[SouthBayYouth.org](https://www.southbayyouth.org/)

[SouthBayJobs.org](https://www.southbayjobs.org/)

[iCareInglewood.com](https://icareINGLEWOOD.COM/)

[CYS-la.org](https://www.cys-la.org/)

[Hawthorne Teen Center](https://www.hawthorneteencenter.org/)

[Inglewood Teen Center](https://www.inglewoodteencenter.org/)

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