Dear Partner,

Welcome to the holiday edition of “South Bay Workforce Newsletter,” the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

It has been a very busy year with many accomplishments. We have helped thousands with our services assisting them to find work, get trained, and break down barriers that many face toward their goal of achieving well paid careers. These services are provided at no cost to the job seeker. Our work touches most everyone looking to improve their quality of life, from the student seeking to start their career, to the person struggling with homelessness, to the individual being laid off looking for a new opportunity.

As the holidays approach, we hope you can share some holiday cheer with a tax deductible donation. Your generosity will allow us to continue helping families find jobs and assist businesses to hire residents in the South Bay. Your donation will also support our youth programs, teen centers and employment programs to ensure people in the South Bay have the good jobs they need to live happy healthy lives and enjoy a prosperous new year.

Happy Holidays to you and your family, and may you have a wonderful 2018.

Jan Vogel
Executive Director
SBWIB

For these Holidays, the Time of Giving,
Help Support our Work to Keep People Employed
**SUCCESS STORIES**

**Inez Cruz-Partida** of Hawthorne, a 32 year old single mother of three and with limited work skills visited the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Center for assistance finding a job.

She participated in the Blueprint for Workplace Success workshop to help prepare her for a Paid Work Experience assignment at the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Center where she learned essential general office skills including administrative support functions for Case Managers, the front office and resource room. Upon completion of this phase of her development and through the support of case management, she was placed in a permanent, full-time job as an administrative assistant with a partnering Carson based employer.

With the support of the One-Stop, Ms. Cruz-Partida made a successful transition to employment and continues to gain valuable experience. In her current position she is responsible for providing administrative support to management, file maintenance, and extensive customer service. She is very grateful for the assistance received and attributes her success to the experience gained through her Paid Work Experience assignment.

**Cassandra Parker**, sought services from the Inglewood One-Stop Youth Programs when she was in high school. Her father is legally blind and her mother was the only provider for the family. Under these circumstances, she was concerned about putting extra financial pressure on her parents. Cassandra heard about the Inglewood One-Stop Youth Programs through her peers and enrolled in the Blueprint for Workplace Success class to gain more knowledge about the workplace and to improve her skills.

During this time, Cassandra graduated high school with honors and then attended El Camino College. While in college, she maintained regular contact with One Stop staff and was notified about a position with the Employment Development Department (EDD) in their Youth Employment Opportunity Program. The Youth Programs staff helped Cassandra with her application and to prepare for the interview. Cassandra was hired and has graduated college with an Associate's Degree. She is now being promoted to an Employment Program Representative at the EDD.

"The One Stop Youth Services has changed my outlook on life, and has given me the belief that no matter what challenges a person encounters, he or she is capable of achieving anything."
Alfonso Morales, Quality Assurance Specialist, was laid off from Bakers Hughes Incorporated due to a decline in the oil industry. He visited the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center - Inglewood ProPath, to find out how the program could assist him to reenter the workforce.

Mr. Morales was eligible for support through the Dislocated Worker Program. He participated in workshops and career counseling session, and with his career counselor developed an individual employment plan. Additionally, Mr. Morales has always had a passion for education and enrolled in a teacher certification program at a valued I Train partner, California State University Dominguez Hills.

"Thanks again for your assistance and for inviting me to the job fair. The invite lead to a job at Teledyne."

Rewarding the Community

Congratulations to Twyla on receiving tickets to a Rams game from Kevin Demoff, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Football Operations, who was keynote speaker at our Annual Awards Ceremony this year.

"I had so much fun at the Rams game. This was my first time going to an NFL game and it was everything I had hoped it would be. Thank you so much."

-Twyla Hutchinson
Centinela Youth Services is Calling All Volunteers

Centinela Youth Services (CYS) Restorative Justice Programs is seeking community volunteers. Help put the Juvenile Justice process into the hands of the community. By volunteering you will have the opportunity to see the immediate impact on families and youth in crisis, increase peace in your community, gain skills to enhance your own relationships, represent crime victims in your community and more.

To learn more contact: Wendy Castro, Volunteer Coordinator; (301) 970-775 or email wcastro@cys-la.org.

Download flyer here
Visit the CYS website here

Redondo Beach Resident Shines Bright
Centinela Youth Services

The Redondo Beach City Council Recognizes Local Resident Denise Yusuff-Recipient Of The Centinela Youth Services HALO Bright Light Volunteer Of The Year Award at the December 5th Redondo Beach City Council meeting.

Download Press Release here
Visit the CYS website here

IN THE NEWS

AT&T Brings "It Can Wait" Distracted Driving Awareness Program to the Inglewood Teen Center

Inglewood City Councilman Alex Padilla visited with youth as they participated in AT&T's "It Can Wait" awareness program at the Inglewood Teen Center on November 1. The youth experienced a virtual reality driving lesson that demonstrates what can happen if you use a smartphone while operating a vehicle. They then took a pledge not to practice distracted driving in the future.

View Inglewood News here
View press release here
SBWIB Partners with Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and State EDD to Present Veterans Job Fair and Legal Clinic

Transitioning military personnel and unemployed veterans from throughout the South Bay attended the Veterans Job Fair & Legal Clinic presented by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (66th District) in partnership with the State Employment Department and the SBWIB, November 9, 2017, at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Assemblymember Muratsuchi addressed the attendees and employers and emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to go beyond the cliché of just saying "thank you for your service" and start providing career training and job opportunities to transitioning and unemployed veterans.

View Torrance Tribune here
View press release here

WHAT'S NEW

Employment Programs for Veterans

The South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers are continuously assisting veterans in easing their transition to civilian careers by providing employment services.

Services for veterans include; job search assistance, interview techniques, job placement, computer training, career counseling, hands-on work experience and more.

Contact or refer an interested veteran to their local One-Stop Business & Career Center to get signed up today.

Download flyer here

Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program Overview

Learn more about the Aero-Flex Engineering Pre-Apprenticeship program, an innovative employer-centric workforce development pipeline program developed by employment partners.

Visit the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship webpage here
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Career Pathways 180 Program Toy Drive

This year with your support we were able to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our reentry clients.

The goal of Career Pathways 180 - our signature reentry employment program - is to help individuals make a successful reintegration to our communities by means of employment and training opportunities.

Our successes this year were made possible through your support and ongoing commitment to the various populations we serve. As we approach the holidays, South Bay One Stops Business & Career Centers - Inglewood in partnership with Los Angeles Central Parole District is hoping to donate toys to parolees and their families most in need.

Beginning December 1st, donations will be accepted on the fifth floor in the case management area. Toys will be delivered to Alameda Parole Complex on Monday December 18th, 2017 and distributed to those in need. We certainly hope you will consider joining our efforts this year! For additional information, please contact Gen Wecker at gwecker@sbwib.org.

Download flyer here

Hope is Helping Foundation's Holiday Giveaway

SBWIB Board Member Ms. Patricia Donaldson has asked the SBWIB to participate in the Hope is Helping Foundation's Annual Christmas Giveaway.

The Hope is Helping is dedicated to assisting and improving the lives of women and children by catering to low income families and domestic violence victims. One of the ways the foundation is able to assist these individuals is through the Annual Christmas Party in which thousands of toys, can goods, turkeys and groceries are distributed. The Christmas Party will take place at the Hawthorne Memorial Center located at 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Download flyer here
Youth Job Opportunities

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

Download list here SouthBayYouth.org

Flyers

Visit the SBWIB 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9: A Community Health Care Forum Hosted by Congresswoman Maxine Waters
There's still time to enroll in open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. Join Congresswoman Maxine Waters to learn about your healthcare coverage options and how current events in Washington, D.C. could shape your premiums and future access to health insurance.

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Hawthorne VFW Post 2075
4563 W, 131st St., Hawthorne, CA 90250
Download flyer here

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)
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SouthBay1Stop.org
SouthBayBusiness.org
SouthBayYouth.org
SouthBayJobs.org
iCareInglewood.com
CYS-la.org
Hawthorne Teen Center
Inglewood Teen Center

Visit SouthBayJobs.org for job posts and employment fairs

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