



Trinity County Community Coordinator Report April–June, 2011



Smart Success Story



Eric has been actively working with both Smart Centers in Trinity County since late 2009. He has been serious about finding local work and landed a full-time job with Jefferson State Forest Products in 2010. After the company closed its doors in early 2011, Eric came back to Smart as a dislocated worker, who qualified for the McLAUS grant. After researching career options, Eric decided that working as a long haul truck driver fit into his career goals. He chose NorCal Truck Driving School, who allowed him to park his RV on their site, while he was in school, which was a big help to him. Eric did well in school, passing his Class A Driving test in April 2011. He was employed thirteen days later, working for Werner Enterprises. Great job Eric!

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the plan for the administration of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Trinity County, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, will be available for public review and comment: DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2011; TIME: 3:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

LOCATION: 40 B Glen Road, Weaverville, CA 96093 The Smart Business Resource Center delivers WIA services in Trinity County. For more information, contact Nancy Morris, Executive Director, 1201 Placer Street, Redding, (530) 246-7911.





NoRTEC Retreat

Smart staff spent May 11 and 12th at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson, participating in the NoRTEC Retreat. Over 100 employees from the 5 different service providers in all 11 counties were present. NoRTEC staff hosted the retreat to bring all the counties together in an effort to share best practices and discuss various funding opportunities.

Special projects (as they related to the Green and Healthcare industries) were brought up. It was a wonderful opportunity for each service provider to talk about the challenges and triumphs that they went through as they got these projects up and running.

There was also an opportunity for each service provider to showcase some of things that they are doing in their community. Supervisors Kim Cobbler, Heather Kelnhofer, Judy Gray and Pat Valine presented on the nuts and bolts of the internship program, and how it is beneficial to Shasta and Trinity Counties.

All in all, this was a wonderful opportunity for all the counties to get together and have an opportunity to get to know one another, while learning about future funding possibilities and NoRTEC's vision and expectations for the consortium. All Smart staff are looking forward to doing this again!



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Unemployment drops

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Trinity County's unemployment rate fell last month from 19 percent to 17.9 percent, according to preliminary labor statistics for May released by the California Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division.

Though improving since February and March when the county's jobless rates exceeded 20 percent, Trinity still ranks among the highest unemployment rates in the state, behind Colusa, Alpine, Sutter and Imperial counties. In May of last year, Trinity had a slightly lower unemployment rate of 17.8 percent.

The county's total labor force numbered 5,050 last month of whom 910 filed jobless claims. A year ago, the labor force numbered 5,010 with 890 seeking unemployment assistance.

Statewide, the rate fell last month to 11.4 percent from 11.7 percent in the prior month. Nationally, unemployment stayed at 8.7 percent which is down from 9.2 percent in March and 9.3 percent in May 2010.

Since a year ago, Trinity County's job market has seen growth in the private sector including farming, manufacturing, mining, logging and construction. Job losses have occurred in the areas of leisure and hospitality services as well as federal, state and local government.

The statistics include numbers for three census designated places in Trinity County: Hayfork with 26.2 percent unemployment; Lewiston at 17.6 percent and Weaverville at 11.2 percent.