

ITEMS OF NOTE -- July 2008

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FACTS AND FIGURES

About MWC's WIA job seeking customers:

- 60% female
- 29% household annual incomes less than \$15,000
- 34% of households with incomes ≤\$15,000 receive other state and nonprofit support services
- 10% of MWC WIA customers rely on 2 or more additional sources of assistance

NEWS & MEDIA

The Arizona Republic recently highlighted Arizona's \$10 million share of the \$250 million WIA rescission. MWC's Rapid Response program, a WIA funded program, that helps downsizing companies develop programs to help their workers get other jobs was highlighted.

<http://www.azcentral.com/business/articles/2008/06/06/20080606biz-layoffs0606.html>

Excerpt from: *The Arizona Republic*, June 6, 2008, by Betty Beard

"Job-retraining programs in Arizona have seen a big boost in clients over the past year as the weakening economy has led companies to shed workers. A variety of companies, including about 600 last year in Maricopa County alone, sought help for their soon-to-be laid off employees, particularly those in electronics, finance, retail and home-building-related fields.

The number of workers getting assistance from the Arizona Workforce Connection centers in the state in the last quarter of 2007 jumped 58 percent to 1,312, said Jerry Carlton, a Maricopa Workforce Connection coordinator.

Local NBC affiliate 12 News featured MWC discussing the local job market. Go to www.azcentral.com/video and search videos for "Find A Job" to view the online version of this news coverage.

Fox 10 highlighted MWC, its in-depth resume instruction and job fair. View the segment at: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/myfox/pages/InsideFox/Detail?contentId=6816284&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=5.7.1>

John A. Garza, Workforce Services Manager for Arizona Public Service, was appointed chair of the Maricopa Workforce connections board. More information online at http://phoenix.jobing.com/blog_post.asp?post=11616

Maricopa Workforce Connection's mission is to promote and facilitate strategic alliances among public and private stakeholders within the Maricopa County area to ensure workforce excellence and contribute to the economic vitality for area employers, incumbent workers and future workers. Funding for MWC services to local businesses and job seekers is primarily from WIA federal pass through dollars.

PARTNER ITEMS

Maricopa Workforce Connections is referred to as a One-Stop because it brings many partners and their services under one roof so businesses and job seekers can get what they need in one location.

The following partners have staff located within MWC Career Centers:

- DES Employment Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Services, Title V
- Arizona Department of Veterans Services
- US Housing and Urban Development
- MAXIMUS/Arizona Works Program
- Maricopa County Community College District
- Troops to Teachers
- WIA Title IB
- AWEE
- Valley of the Sun United Way
- Goodwill Industries of Central Arizona
- Arizona Call-A-Teen
- YMCA/Las Artes de Maricopa
- Job Corps

MWC also partners with local agencies such as Rotary International, Open Table and Project Challenge.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A west valley job fair was conducted Wednesday, June 25 at the MWC West Valley Career Center (95th Ave. and McDowell). A pre-job fair Resume Instruction workshop has been added to the regular lineup for the Friday preceding this event to assist job seekers in securing interviews during the fair. Thirty employers were met by more than 750 job seekers during this event.



MWC's Gilbert Career Center (SE corner of Gilbert Road just south of Guadalupe Road) conducted a job fair on June 6 at its small east valley facility – 35 employers with career opportunities had an opportunity to visit with more than 1,040 job seekers. On average job seekers waited in line approximately 45 minutes (because of fire code limitations) for an opportunity to enter the building and visit with employers.



MWC participates in local job fairs by helping to recruit businesses with openings and reviewing resumes for job seekers. Upcoming job fairs in Maricopa County include:

August 6 – Jobing.com

September 24 – AZ EAC East Valley Job Fair

October 2 – Recruit Military

Please come by and tour the valley's 2 MWC Career Centers – We'd enjoy showing you what we do!

