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"I am a store manager for a T-Mobile location on 67th Ave and Bethany Home Rd. I am looking for assistance in hiring at least 3 Sales Representatives for a location that we are opening on December 1st on 35th Ave and Glendale. I am a prior customer that attended courses at Maricopa Workforce Connections and I received a great amount of help there to find my current job. I am now in a position to hire more people myself and I liked the structure used there at your facility."

Thanks again, F Perez, Manager, Bethany Store, Glendale, AZ

FACTS & FIGURES

Stressing Partnerships in Science and Technology — Phoenix Workforce Connection American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Youth program was "spotlighted" in a nationwide study that demonstrated its ability to quickly and effectively implement the Summer Youth Employment Initiative (SYEI) programs in 2009. MWC and PWC also implemented a summer career exploration and internship program with ARRA and Phoenix Community Development and Investment Corporation funding.

The Youth Program received an infusion of ARRA funding allocations in late March 2009, and less than two months later, youth programs began accepting the more than 2,400 applications to put over 625 youth in summer jobs. More than 250 private and public businesses provided leadership and job-related skills to youth.

Innovating Under Pressure: The Story of the 2009 Recovery Act Summer Youth Employment Initiative: Excerpts: *Phoenix and Maricopa County applied a learning organization approach to improving program quality and operations and applied best practice in integrated project-based learning.*

Phoenix and Maricopa County: Integrating with Economic Development. The SYEI represented an opportunity to demonstrate that the workforce development system is, as one administrator noted, "agile and responsive enough to produce what policymakers consider tangible outcomes worthy of continued investments." It also demonstrated that workforce development systems could be more fully integrated into city and county economic growth and development efforts.

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Collaboratively providing workforce solutions to businesses and individuals throughout Maricopa County.

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Oct. 31, 2010, by Joahna Berry, featured pieces on local workforce issues;

Long-term jobless get new help to find work (A1)

MWC's Patrick Burkhart was quoted... "People who have been out of work for a long period of time have trouble maintaining their enthusiasm" for the hunt, said Patrick Burkhart, who oversees Maricopa County's Workforce Development Division.

Overcome hurdles in longtime job search This article also cites Burkhart. "In Arizona, particularly, it's not unusual for people to be jobless for extended periods because falling housing prices have made it difficult for workers to sell their homes and move to new communities to find jobs, said Patrick Burkhart, who helps oversee Maricopa Workforce Connections, which offers resources, training and job referrals to those who are unemployed." Local One-Stop locations are listed as well as Goodwill Career Centers.

Obtained training for in-demand field, but still no leads features the story of Chicanos Por La Causa's ASPIRE program customer.

White House Blog (Nov. 1, 2010) Helping Job Seekers in Phoenix, AZ by Ben Seigel, Associate Director of the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Labor. — *This blog entry and MWC/PWC's involvement in the corresponding Workforce³One Webinar are the result of Mr. Seigel's attendance at the 2010 Regional Access Point Conference highlighted later in this edition.*

Introducing the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership and its New Priorities A Workforce One Webinar took place Thurs., Nov. 4. MWC's Patrick Burkhart and PWC's Cynthia Spell Tweh will joined Rev. Phil Tom, Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Labor and Rita Elkins, Technical Assistance Contractor, Performance Excellence Partners, Inc. to present information on developing and maintaining a local Access Point program. MWC's special AP Regional Conference guest, Kristi Judkins, Iowa Career Access Point Coordinator, joined the knowledgeable panel of presenters. Ben Seigel, Associate Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships served as moderator.

Tool of recovery Arizona Job Training Fund reopened by legislature (Oct. 13, 2010) by Terrance Thornton, Independent Newspapers.. Photo caption "Susan Mayer of Mesa participates in a workforce-development class at Maricopa Workforce Connections in Gilbert while Justin Jones, workforce center trainer, leads a resume-building workshop. According to Keri March, workforce center specialist, residents from Apache Junction, Gold Canyon and Queen Creek often attend workshops. "This is the closest facility," she said Oct. 7 at Maricopa Workforce Connections. "We even get people from Gold Canyon."



Repairing Our Workforce — A new Greater Phoenix business-centered publication is premiered this month. The first edition of **InBusiness Magazine** features "Arizona's Workforce—Can we repair it and get it right?" by RaeAnne Marsh. (See page 26) MWC's Patrick Burkhart and the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy's Jennifer Pittman-Leeper, are quoted extensively.



PARTNER ITEMS

ACYSR Acknowledges two superb business partners for their commitment to providing valuable work experience to participants in the 2010 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Summer Employment Program. TJ Maxx at Estrella Falls in Goodyear worked with 6 participants over the summer and offered employment to all six once they completed the program. Marshalls at the Colonnade, Desert Ridge and Avondale provided experiences for sixteen youth during the summer program.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Access Point Conference Held — The regional Access Point conference was held on October 20, 2010. The keynote speaker for this conference was Mr. Ben Seigel, the Associate Director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Mr. Seigel provided information from the federal perspective about faith and community partnerships working together. This conference was for existing and prospective access points throughout Maricopa County and the city of Phoenix.



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