

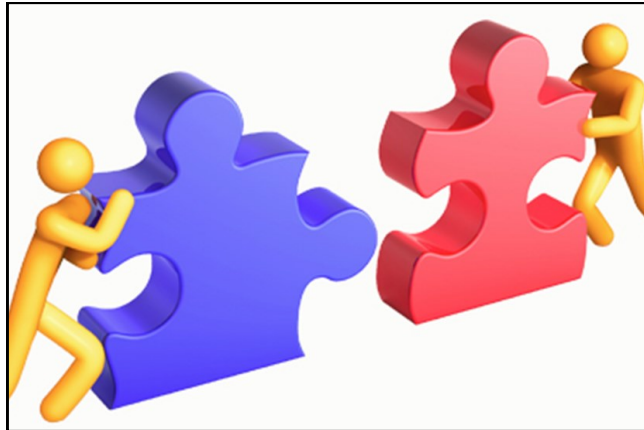


Connect to Careers

Fida Awad, an Employment Specialist for Human Solutions/Action for Prosperity describes her experience with the Connect to Careers program as good. She says that in the last four months she has referred four customers to the program. Christine Sanders, a Connect to Careers Job Developer working with Human Solutions, assisted all four clients in connecting to jobs in their preferred careers.

“Christine helped my clients to be ready with their work elements such as (resume, cover letter, interview preparation). Then, she helped them in connecting to good jobs in their preferred career,” says Awad.

One of the four customers who was helped by Christine Sanders was hired at Cedar Hills Hospital as a receptionist for \$14.50 per hour with great



benefits. She expressed her happiness and appreciations to the great help she got by through this program and from Christine.

Another customer of Human Solutions referred to Connect to Careers was hired with Portland Public Schools as an Administrative Assistant for \$19 per hour with a great benefits.

Connect to Careers provides person-first career placement assistance to customers referred by Aligned Partner Network agencies. Career placements may be direct, unsubsidized placements, paid internships, or on-the-job training opportunities.

Employer Sites

The month of April 2015 saw placements at these employer sites:

Connect to Careers

- AnswerNet Network
- Cedar Hill Hospital
- Seterus Inc.
- Vesta Corp.
- NuMedics
- Independence Gardens

Connect to Work Exp.

- Mercy Corps NW RTC
- Mittleman Jewish Community Center
- Constructing Hope
- NAMI
- Sunshine Division
- MHCC Childcare Resource & Referral Program
- Tax Tribute
- ASSIST
- Birch Community Services

Connect to Work Experience

Elissa Black, a Vocational Case Manager with Central City Concern, describes her experience with the Connect to Work Experience program. Says Elissa, “I feel like my experience working with Connect to Work Experience staff has been really good—I get constant communication, I like that communication, I am very much involved in the entire placement process. I get a clear picture of what’s going on, good or bad, and I really appreciate that.

I have had many customers have a really good experience with Connect to Work Experi-

ence and Connect to Careers. One customer completed a Work Experience, and before that had only worked one week his entire life. This Work Experience changed everything for him and allowed him to build that confidence. Without the Connect to Work Experience program, it would have been a lot harder to find an employer who would be willing to take the risk on this person. This individual is now pursuing an OJT within a different program that he wouldn’t have qualified for without first completing the Connect to Work Experience program.

It’s a huge experience for the customers. Without the WEX,

I don’t know that they would have been as successful getting into industries they are trying to get into.”

Connect to Work Experience provides person-first assistance to job seekers who meet specific requirements or have specific need. Typically, job seekers are referred to Connect to Work Experience when they need some amount of hands-on, career-focused job training in order to move them along their career track, fill a skills gap, or provide recent work history. The Work Experience is 240 hours of paid training.

Referrals

We are open for referrals in all Connect to services.

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Thank you!