Connect to Careers

Connect to Careers saw recent success with a customer in partnership with Home Forward's Housing Works program. The Home Forward Career Coach, Natalie, and C2C Job Developer, Christine, worked alongside the customer to prepare her for employment as an Office Administrative Assistant.

The customer was involved and active in her employment search from the very time she was referred to C2C. Christine assisted the customer in tailoring her resume and cover letter to better fit jobs within her career field. Natalie and Christine engaged the customer in mock interviews, developing her interpersonal skills, and staying optimistic about her employment goals, while continuing to participate in WorkSource workshops.

This customer was diligent in her follow up on all job leads sent to her. She interviewed numerous times for Administrative positions, but became discouraged as months went by without an offer.

The customer recently interviewed for an Administrative Assistant position with a large nonprofit providing services to families. Her first interview went extremely well and she was hired soon after at full time with a wage of $15 an hour.

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 May 2015 saw placements at these employer sites:

Connect to Careers
- Greater New Hope Family Services
- Franz Bakery
- Independence Gardens

Connect to Work Exp.
- Washington County Health Department
- Technology Association of Oregon
- Youth Contact
- Mercy Corps
- NARA Northwest

Strategy Update

In an effort to bolster placements in the Connect to Work Experience program, SE Works has hired an Account Representative, Wayne Pierce, whose responsibility is to focus on business outreach within Washington County. Working closely with the C2WE team, Wayne seeks out businesses that may be interested in entering into an agreement with SE Works to provide specific types of work experiences to meet the needs and career goals of C2WE customers.

Referrals

We are open for referrals in all Connect to services.

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Connect to Work Experience

Emily, a Work Experience Specialist for the Connect to Work Experience program, is working with a customer referred from Central City Concern, whose past career was as a Database Specialist. The customer has been very eager to return to the workforce, as he thoroughly enjoyed his past career.

Working together with the Case Manager and the customer, Emily was able to enter into an agreement with AS-SIST, a small, local non-profit, who agreed to provide a work experience for the customer. During the internship, the customer would be responsible for building databases to manage clients who are receiving help with their social security benefit applications.

The customer is finding the work both rewarding and challenging. Says the customer, "The work is great! I'm learning quite a lot by building a complicated database from scratch. I really enjoy not only the job but the people here as well, and I appreciate the things they are trying to do. All in all, I feel that I'm going to really get a lot out of my time here at ASSIST and will be sorry to have it end."

The customer's supervisor at ASSIST reports that he "is an absolute treasure, and works very hard. He is making incredible progress and has a lot of talent."

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.