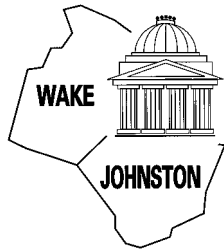


Capital Area News

Capital Area Workforce Development Board



Capital Area WDB Chair Facilitates Business Panel

Bob Barham, Capital Area Workforce Development Chair, facilitated a panel discussion at the 2005 Workforce Development Partnership Conference held in Greensboro. The “Business Services – Straight Talk” workshop featured a panel of three business representatives from across the State of North Carolina who were at the conference to discuss JobLink services and their workforce needs. Panelists shared their experiences with hiring and retaining employees and the challenges they face as employers. Participants who attended the workshop were given the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. Everyone left the workshop with a better understanding of business customers from the business point of view. The session was so successful, Bob is considering offering Part II next year as “Straight Talk II.”

Special points of interest:

- Columbian Delegates visit Raleigh ESC
- State and Local Meeting Attended
- WIA Staff Highlighted

Columbian Delegates Visit Raleigh ESC

On November 16, 2005, the Raleigh ESC Joblink Career Center hosted eight delegates from Colombia, South America. The visit to North Carolina was a part of a larger visit that included itinerary that included stops in Washington, DC, Raleigh, and Chicago.

The delegates were: Dr. Jaime Tenjo, Delegation Head and Project Director for the US Agency for International Development’s Trade Capacity Building Support Program; Mario Nigrinis, Monitor of the evolution of the Colombian labor market and its effects on wage-inflationary pressures for the Central Bank of Columbia; Julia Gutierrez de Pineres, Director of the Colombian National Employment Program; Fransisco Javier Jaramillo, Labor and Commercial Law Attorney; Dr. Fernando Mesa, Director of Macroeconomics Analysis at the Colombian National Department of Planning; Oscar Hernan Munoz Goyes, Coordinator of the Employment Generation and Community Organization of the Ministry of Social Protection; Bertha Ines Parra Serrano, Economist for the Bureau of Employment Promotion in the Ministry of Social Protection; and Oscar Ariel Barragan Rios, Specialist in Financial Management for the Ministry of Social Protection.

Their visit to North Carolina began with an overview of America’s Labor Market Information System (ALMIS). After a BBQ lunch, they toured the local Joblink Center, observed the operation and asked questions. Their primary interest seemed to be the Career Resource Center and “self-help” services. They asked numerous questions concerning job counseling, training services, employer-business services, and job placement services.

Congratulations!

Capital Area JobLink
Career Center at
Swinbune

Achieved

Level III Cartering Status

Bob Barham and Carmen
Carroll received the
plaque at the NC
Partnership Conference

The Swinburne Center will
receive \$25,000 for
achieving this level.

Capital Area Receives Award To Aid Katrina Evacuees

Capital Area was recently awarded funding to offer employment and training services to Katrina Evacuees in our local area. These services include classroom training, on-the-job training and employment opportunities. The NC Division of Employment and Training will begin running public service announcements (PSA) in December regarding the training and employment services available to Hurricane Katrina Evacuees. The PSA directs viewers to call (800) 562-6333 for more information. Calls to this number will be answered by qualified staff who will answer general questions and direct potential customers to the appropriate local area offering Katrina services.

Capital Area WIA Staff Recognized for Outstanding Performance

Cary Employment Security Commission WIA Staff



Capital Area exceeded all 2004 Performance Measures

We would like to say thank you to each of our WIA staffs.

These frontline staff work diligently to make sure that our customers receive the best service possible.

Cary Employment Security Commission Staff: Becky Long, Brenda Lanier, and E.J. Rascoe (Not pictured: Vickye Herring and Rob Kestler).

Haven House Services Staff: Matt Schnars, Linda Boyette, Lara Vruwink, and Larry Smith.

Johnston Community College Staff: Monica Davis, Robert Davis, Ramell Oakley, Neil Fowler, Faye Wise, Teresa Watson, and Teresa Braswell.

Youth & Educational Achievement Center Staff: Felicia Adams, Shea Cleveland, Anthony Harris, Jeanette McIntyre-Jones, Ann Herndon, and Greta Martin (Not pictured: Pamela Edwards).

Wake County Human Services Staff: Denny Jenkins, Toneisha Williams, Tracy Douglas, and Hugh Dowdy (Not pictured: Carolyn Beatty, Keith Cox, Kitty Fehr, Brenda Rand-Davis, Genita Raynor, and Delores Spain).

The DuBois Center Staff: Ruth Brown, Bettie Murchison, and Emma Watkins.

Johnston County Industries Staff: Connie Hale, Kristin Allen, and Sherri Shears.

Haven House Services WIA Staff



Johnston County Job Training WIA Staff



Youth & Educational Achievement Center WIA Staff



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