

Job Placement Month Activities Report

October 2016



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**Kentucky
Career Center**

OWENSBORO DISTRICT: “HEALTH ON THE HILL”



From Left: David Benson-OVR Branch Manager; Steve Wedding-OVR Job Placement Specialist; Sid Joest-OVR Job Placement Specialist; Seth Basham-OVR Rehab Technician; Paul Erway-Superior Van and Mobility.

The Henderson Community College provided a campus-wide awareness targeting First Year Experience classes but all students, staff and faculty were invited.

David Benson, Sid Joest and Steve Wedding from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provided brochures explaining services, who is served, and how to inquire about services.

Also in attendance was **Seth Basham, OVR Rehabilitation Technologist**, demonstrating and providing information on various pieces of equipment that can be used to assist students and workers in order to help them in the classroom and on the job.

Paul Erway of Superior Van and Mobility was on hand to demonstrate various modifications to automobiles, answering questions and providing information.

COVINGTON/FLORENCE DISTRICT: “BEAT THE HEAT” JOB FAIR



The “Beat the Heat” Job Fair was held in the Alexandria Fire Department.(NKY) Several area employers participated; including: McLane, Wayfair, Staples, Aristech Surfaces, and Amazon. Attendees at the Job Fair were able to apply for open positions and pick up free smoke detectors and batteries.

Marie Mahan, as a member of the Job Fair Committee, set up tables and seating, checked in employers and partners, registered job seekers, met with individual employers during the fair to make sure they had everything they needed and also obtained job opening updates for our consumers. She took pictures for our KCC to post on our Facebook site and also take pictures of the employers’ tables to share for their websites.

Cheryl Martinez, Florence Job Placement coordinated the Disability Resources Table, staffed by Adam Klaas, OVR counselor (Covington) and Larry McNabb (OFB).

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: ADAIR COUNTY HS CAREER FAIR

Jenny Hughes and Lisa Gosser of Office for Employment and Training and Eva Feese of Office for Vocational Rehabilitation shared a table at the Adair County High School Career Fair.



From Left: Jenny Hughes-WIA WIOA Career Manager; Lisa Gosser-WIA Business Liaison/WIOA Career Manager; Eva Feese-OVR Employment Specialist.

LEXINGTON/BLEUGRASS DISTRICT: KSU CAREERS EXPLORATION DAY



Employment Specialists from the Bluegrass and Lexington Districts attended the Careers Exploration Day at Kentucky State University. Graduates, alumni, and current students had the opportunity to explore and apply for area employers.

From Left OVR Employment Specialists: Amber Barnes, Suzanne Isaacs, Christa Martin, and Shane Stephens. In Front: Kentfield-Service Dog

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: RURAL KING TOUR

Jennifer Carman, Workforce Development Manager, and Kelly Mooney-OVR Employment Specialist, were given a tour of our new Rural King by Bonnie, one of the assistant managers on September 29th. Rural King was set to open on Saturday, October 1. Rural King had a Job Fair several days at the KCC while the store was being built. It was a great opportunity to be able to meet the management team of Rural King.



From Left: Kelly Mooney-OVR Employment Specialist; Bonnie-Rural King Assistant Manager; and Jennifer Carman-Workforce Development Manager

LOUISVILLE/MIDDLETOWN/ELIZABETHTOWN/BLUEGRASS DISTRICT: COALITION FOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY JOB FAIR

OVR employees from the Louisville, Middletown, Elizabethtown, and Bluegrass Districts participated in the Coalition's Annual Disability Employment Month Job Fair was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel on October 11th.



From Left: Gina Stephen-Employment Specialist; Jonathan Lewis-Employment Specialist; Sara Johnson-Counselor; and Kelly Mooney-Employment Specialist



From Left: Sara Johnson-Counselor; Gina Stephen-Employment Specialist; and Kelly Mooney-Employment Specialist

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: HARDIN CO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



From Left: Carter Dyson–KCC Director; Kelly Mooney–OVR Employment Specialist; Jerisia Lamons–WIOA Job Seeker Team Lead; and Jennifer Carman–Workforce Development Manager

Employment Specialist, Kelly Mooney, attended the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon to network with area employers. To celebrate October as Manufacturing Month, the tables were decorated with items that are manufactured in the Lincoln Trail Area. The KCC was a secondary sponsor of the luncheon.

ASHLAND DISTRICT: CINTAS CORPORATION TOUR



OVR Employee: Brent Sturgill-Regional Manager; Tina Prichard-Branch Manager; Teresa Shortridge-Counselor; Kim Johnson-Assistant; Joy Bayes-Assistant; Linda Malone-Assistant; and Shawna Kelly-Carl Perkins Job Placement Specialist

Ashland District toured Cintas Inc. to get a better understanding of open positions when referring recruits and to foster a relationship for future placements.



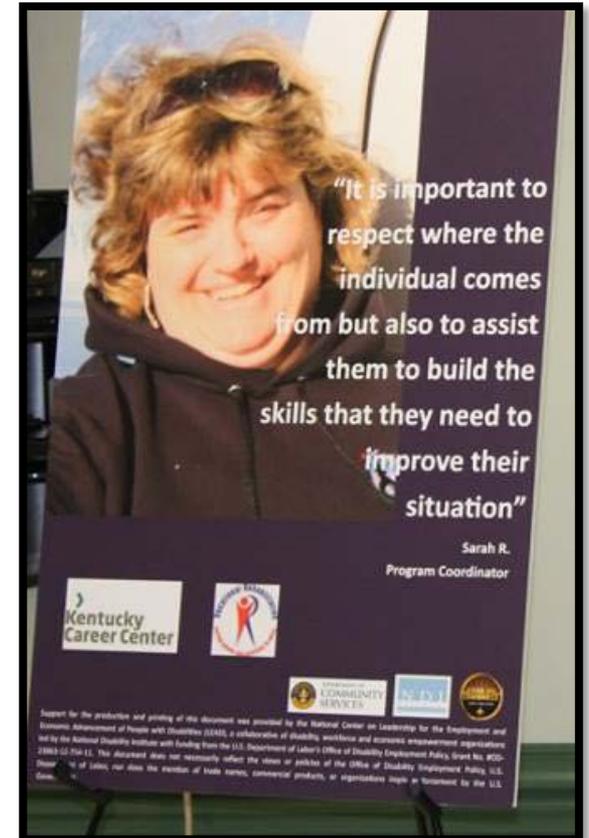
From Left: Brent Sturgill-OVR Regional Manager; Jordan Wells-Cintas Department Manager; and Tina Prichard-OVR Branch Manager

LOUISVILLE/MIDDLETOWN DISTRICTS AND CENTRAL OFFICE: LADDER 2ND ANNUAL FALL CONVENING

The Louisville Alliance for Development through Diversity, Empowerment and Resources held its second annual Fall Convening on October 14th at the McDowell Center in Louisville. Speakers included Elizabeth Jennings and Rebecca Salon from the National Disability Institute (NDI), Sangeetha Malaiyandi from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Willie Byrd from the Coalition for Workforce Diversity, Andre Miller from the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tina Lentz from Louisville Metro Community Services, and OVR staff member Sarah Richardson. In her presentation, Sarah eloquently described the financial empowerment journey of a participant in OVR's Car IDA Program.



Dave Matheis – OVR Program Planning and Development Branch Manager



Sarah Richardson – OVR KATLC Program Coordinator

COVINGTON DISTRICT: NORTHERN KENTUCKY STAND DOWN



From Left: Tina Lee-OVR Counselor and Marie Mahan-SGA Project Coordinator

The Veteran's Stand Down was held at the local DAV building. Dozens of homeless veterans were picked up by shuttle and brought for haircuts, manicures, back massages, health evaluations, legal help, community resources, clothing, and a cookout.

Tina Lee, OVR Counselor and Marie Mahan, SGA Project Coordinator worked the OVR table with resources for services and employment, and also gave out protein bars and hand warmers.

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: 2ND ANNUAL OCCUPATION PUMPKIN DECORATING/CARVING CONTEST

The Elizabethtown District held its 2nd Annual Occupation Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest. Visitors to the Elizabethtown KCC were able to vote of their favorite pumpkin. Rhonda Bush and Dee Doll, both from OFB, placed first and second places.



From Left: Rhonda Bush-OFB Administrative Assistant; Dee Doll-OFB Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor; Kelly Mooney-OVR Employment Specialist

OWENSBORO DISTRICT: YOUTH TRANSITION FAIR



Lisa Medley-OVR Counselor

The Transition Youth Fair was held in the Career Center. All of OVR's partners participated, including Daviess County Schools who provided transportation and supervision for the students. Activities included: Scavenger Hunt for Services, Hired and Fired Bingo, Dress for Success, Interview Role Play, and Salary Wheel of Fortune. Feedback from the school staff was positive; the students enjoyed and benefited from the services. All staff worked very hard to put this on for students but a special thanks to the school counselors Tammy Brown and Lisa Medley, who organized the activities.



David Benson-OVR Branch Manager



Jason Cole-OVR Regional Manager



Employment Specialist Steve Wedding and Sid Joest

COVINGTON/FLORENCE DISTRICT: “FALL INTO A NEW CAREER” JOB FAIR



From Left: Cheryl Martinez-Employment Specialist; Yolanda Gould-Counselor

The “Fall into a New Career” Job Fair was held at the Carrollton Armory. Employers in attendance were Steel Technologies, Belterra, National Guard, Royer, and ABM. Customers who brought a resume were registered for prizes donated by the companies for drawings which included a stay at Belterra Casino.

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: JOB PLACEMENT LUNCHEON FOR KCC STAFF

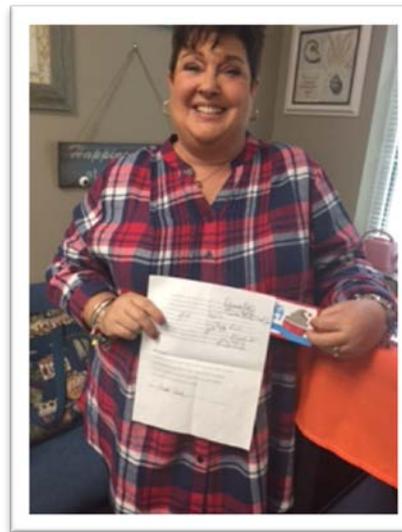


From Left: Kelly Mooney-OVR Employment Specialist; Carter Dyson-KCC Director

The Elizabethtown KCC celebrated Job Placement Month with a luncheon themed, “What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?” Staff competed in Job-Themed Activities. Winners were Jerisia Lamons-WIOA Job Seeker Team Lead and Rhonda Bush-OFB Administrative Assistant.



Jerisia Lamons



Rhonda Bush

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT: JOB SEEKER TEAM PRESENTATION



From Left: Dan Miller; Kelly Mooney; Mandy Jent

OVR Employment Specialist, Kelly Mooney gave a presentation on the “Do’s and Don’ts of Interviewing” to co-workers from WIOA, OET, OFB, OVR, and Adult Education. Mandy Jent, Audit Area Supervisor and Dan Miller, UI Auditor II assisted in participating in a Mock Interview.

In the photos, Mr. Miller portrays the “don’ts” of interviewing, while Mrs. Jent represents the “do’s”.



From Left: Kelly Mooney; Mandy Jent; Dan Miller

BLUEGRASS/LEXINGTON DISTRICTS: BLUEGRASS COALITION FOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY



From Left: Teresa Brandenburg-OVR SE/CRP Branch Manager; Ron O'Hair-OVR SE/CRP Consultant

The recently formed Bluegrass Workforce Diversity Coalition held its 2nd meeting at the Fairfield Inn, Lexington. The purpose of this group is to develop collaborative partnerships between employers, job seekers with disabilities, and employment service providers in order to increase integrated employment outcomes and diversity in the work place.



From Left: Christa Martin-OVR Employment Specialist; Vanessa Jones, KY CAP Director; Amber Vance-OWL



From Left: Cindy Tipton-Bluegrass Career Services; Julie Pattie-OVR Counselor

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT: LOUISVILLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER JOB FAIR

Employment Specialists Gina Stephen and Jonathan Lewis manned a table at the Louisville Central Community Center Job Fair on October 21st. Many local businesses participated in the Job Fair ranging from manufacturing and production to public service.



From Left: Employment Specialist Jonathan Lewis and Gina Stephen



Kevin Fields, Sr-CEO of LCCC

COVINGTON DISTRICT: JP MONTH ACTIVITIES



The Kentucky Career Center in Covington ended their Job Placement Month Activities by having their annual Halloween Bash. During the month, they gave tours of the building to customers, employers, and other community agencies. The tours included meeting staff from different agencies, learning about programs, and finding out about job opportunities.

WEST KENTUCKY DISTRICT: MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Job Placement Specialist Megan Grubbs launched a marketing campaign entitled [#InclusionWorks](#)... Inclusion Works for Opportunity, Inclusion Works for Business, and Inclusion Works for Innovation. The campaign included weekly social media posts along with email blasts to Employers.

Week 1: Email highlighting National Disability Awareness Month.

<https://themighty.com/2016/08/to-companies-about-national-disability-employment-awareness-month/>

Week 2: Email with the below links Opportunity/Innovation

<http://www.nod.org/news/featured/2016/07/26/fulfilling-the-promise-of-the-ada-innovative-talent-strategies-are-driving-corporate-success--blog-by-carol-glazer.html>.

Week 3: "Wear your color day"

<https://specialneedsresourceblog.com/author/hstrtrainblog/>.

Week 4: Business Flyer. (Right side of slide)

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CDPVTC: JOB PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

Throughout the month of October, students and staff at Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center participated in weekly activities to promote job placement. As kick-off to Job Placement Month, upcoming graduates participated in a job maintenance and retention workshop presented by the Key Assets Foundation. At the conclusion of the workshop, students were awarded completion certificates.

The following week, staff members served students in the “Greasy Spoon” modeling both effective and ineffective customer service. The activity was designed to show students the significance of providing positive customer service and the impact of the services an employee delivers to customers.

Later, staff and students participated in a fashion show to demonstrate the importance of appropriate interview attire. There were twenty participants in this year’s fashion show, entitled “CDPVTC Career Catwalk.” A panel of judges voted on the best dressed students and awards were given. Food service students prepared and served refreshments to the audience. A student prepared the song selections and served as a DJ for this year’s fashion show.

For the final activity, CDPVTC recognized local employers that provide Work-Based Learning Experiences for center students. This year, Advance Auto Parts, Appalachian Hospice Care, Inc., Paintsville Independent Schools, and Sandy Valley Fasteners, LLC were recognized for their support of the center and training programs. Currently, each of the four employers provides learning opportunities, at their place of business, for center students.





AWARDS

Louisville District: Humana

Humana received its 2016 Employer Recognition Award from the Statewide Council on Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR) at the monthly meeting of the Coalition for Workforce Diversity in Louisville.



From left, SCVR member Michelle Bazeley, Amy Jones from the Center for Accessible Living, Kevin Stakelum, Talent Acquisition Director for Humana, SCVR member Phil Donahue with the Coalition for Workforce Diversity and one of two people to nominate Humana, and Kourtlee Gravil, Manager of Talent Acquisition with Humana.



Kevin Stakelum from Humana and Gina Stephen, OVR Employment Specialist who also nominated Humana for the award.

Florence District: Travel Centers of America (TA)

TA was presented a 2016 SCVR Employer Recognition Award. In the photo below from the left: Jason Jones-OVR Director of Communications; Ron Morrison-NorthKey IPS Job Coach; Amber Hall-TA Manager; Michelle Cobb-OVR Branch Manager; Cheryl Martinez-OVR Employment Specialist.



West Kentucky District: Goodwill

On the left is Darla Rhodes, Goodwill Manger of Mayfield KY, receiving a 2016 SCVR Employer Certificate of Appreciation from Megan Grubbs (right), Job Placement Specialist in Paducah KY.



Lexington District: Auntie Anne's Pretzels

Employment Specialists Tyler Williams and Craig Smith awarded Vickie Lucas of Auntie Anne's Pretzels in Fayette Mall with the District Employer of the Year Award.



From Left: Vickie Lucas; Tyler Williams

Florence District: Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department

The Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department was presented recognition from the Statewide Council Of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrators for their partnership with OVR in N. KY. , Florence District. They also received the Kentucky Rehabilitation Association's Employer of the Year Award in September, 2016.



Pictured left to right: Karen Domaschko, HR Administrator and Dr. Lynne Sadler, District Director of Health ; Michelle Cobb, Branch Manager and Cheryl Martinez, Job Placement , Florence District OVR

Florence District: Outstanding Customer Award

Our Florence District Consumer, Dallas Willoughby was recognized as an " Outstanding Customer" by our Northern Kentucky Workforce Board for his outstanding achievements. This award is one of just three WIOA customers who was recognized at the 5th annual NKWIB recognition event. The consumer's counselor is Myja Brant who was unable to attend.



From left to right: NKY Career Center Director- Jason Ashbrook; OVR Job Placement Specialist- Cheryl Martinez; Awardee- Dallas Willoughby (OVR Consumer) OVR, Florence Branch Manager- Michelle Cobb



Thank you!