

Sonoma County Job Link



Integrated Services

Friday Update

Date 10/23/09

- ✚ **Taking care of yourself:** As the number of Job Link clients continues to increase, it is more important than ever to take care of yourself. We have all heard it many times “*Self care so you can care!*” or “*You can’t give what you don’t have!*” Please take your breaks and lunch times so you can continue to care and to give excellent service.
- ✚ **New Staff at Job Link:** We are welcoming three new WIA counselors: Patty Engh, Stephen Share and Cara Viripaeff. Congratulations to all of them. They will start on November 3, 2009. Welcome to Job Link!
- ✚ **Financial Survival Seminar:** We held our last Financial Survival Seminar for this year yesterday. We will let you know the schedule for 2010 later this year.
- ✚ **Training Fair:** We are planning a Training Fair at Job Link on **December 2, 2009 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**. Training providers will be present to talk about their programs, including “green” certificates. Staff will explain how to enroll in Job Link services and which steps need to be taken to obtain training funds.
- ✚ **Successful Summer Youth Program:** Thank you to everyone who worked on this project! The Sonoma County program won the *Association of California Water Agencies Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Management*. Congratulations to all!
- ✚ **California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program Award:** The North Bay Employment Connection (Marin, Napa, Solano & Sonoma County) received \$ 1 million, which will provide training for out-of-work construction workers in the areas of green building and energy efficiency. Congratulations to all counties involved! More information to follow soon.

It’s better to light a candle than curse the darkness!

A Chinese proverb - 'Don't curse the darkness - light a candle.' Used by Adlai Stevenson (1900-65), praising Eleanor Roosevelt in an address to the United Nations General Assembly in 1962 - 'She would rather light candles than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world.'