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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR TARRANT COUNTY *Tarrant County Alliance for Economic Independence Summit '15*

Project Partners returned to Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County to advise the Workforce Delivery Systems Committee in the planning and production of the Tarrant County Alliance for Economic Independence Summit. While coaching the staff and volunteers on strategy, community engagement, venue, other logistics, schedule and more, we also provided tools and resources that helped drive the success of this important community event, including a project overview, organizational chart and participant response form. Held at the Lena Pope Amon Carter Center, this event reached capacity and achieved its purpose of convening service providers and introducing new mandates and opportunities provided by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

"I want to thank Project Partners for assuring that our Alliance Summit plans produced the event that met the needs of our community. Our committee and staff members truly appreciated the sage advice and attention to detail."

Judy McDonald, Executive Director
Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

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Working Together
Executive Director's Report
Tarrant County Work Advantage Board
October 2003

Third Annual Regional Workforce Development Summit

The 3rd Annual Regional Workforce Development Summit "Good Jobs, Skilled Workers, Higher Wages" was held at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas on October 31, 2003. Among the distinguished speakers and presenters were: Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, Elaine Chao; Commissioner of the Texas Workforce Commission, C. Austin; Regional Administrator of the Employment and Training Administration in Dallas, Ray Chalde; Chairman of the National Center on Education and Training for Employment, Dr. John Gaskins; Principal and Founder of New Economic Models, Inc., Dr. Michael Sparer; Mr. Steve Gunderson, Senior Consultant of the Georgetown Group; and Mr. Jim Johnson, Washington office of the Georgetown Group. The agenda included a panel discussion shared and presented was to address the issues of how to increase the general industry growth, and education and training programs.

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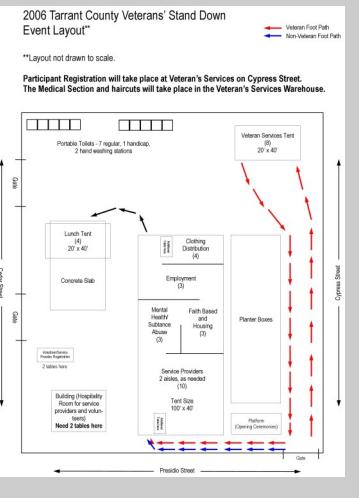
Tarrant County Fatherhood Coalition

The Attorney General's Office in partnership with the Tarrant County Fatherhood Coalition and the First Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, organized the first Fatherhood Conference in the city of the F.A.P.A. curriculum (Parenting and Family Life) on Saturday, November 1, 2003. The conference was held at the First Baptist Church of Christ located at 2701 W. Berry Street in Fort Worth and was hosted by NewDay Services, a Fatherhood Conference member. Forty-six persons representing various organizations attended the conference and enjoyed the day's attendance. Because of the high interest in this training, two additional training sessions have been scheduled for January 2004 and April 2004.

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2006 Tarrant County Veterans' Stand Down Event Layout

**Layout not drawn to scale.
Participant Registration will take place at Veteran's Services on Cypress Street. The Medical Section and haircuts will take place in the Veteran's Services Warehouse.



The diagram shows the layout of the event area. It includes a 'Veteran Services Tent' (20' x 40'), a 'Lunch Tent' (20' x 40'), a 'Concrete Slab', a 'Porta Potty' area, and various service stations like 'Employment' (3), 'Meals on Wheels', 'Health Services', 'Abuse', 'Food Bank', 'Housing' (3), 'Service Providers' (2 stalls as needed), and 'Tent Site' (10' x 40'). A 'Platform' (Camping Ceremony) is also indicated. Arrows show the flow from Cypress Street into the event area, and a legend indicates 'Veteran Foot Path' (solid line) and 'Non-Veteran Foot Path' (dashed line).

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Helped plan and facilitate the board retreat for this workforce development agency. Coordinated public relations and communications initiatives including marketing plan and new logo design, work on community forums, emergency job fair, "Hit the Hill" effort, Celebrate Fatherhood event, and monthly executive director's report. For Disabilities Conference, provided specialized services including planning, budget analysis, site surveys and selection, program development, speaker coordination, logistics, catering, information distribution (pre- and post-meeting), event website and on-line registration, development of collateral materials, on-site management, multi-media presentations, volunteer duties, special guest accommodations, and administration. This conference attracted representatives from seven Workforce Boards in North Texas, public officials, and industry leaders and was considered a huge success on both the local and state levels. For 2005 Community Hiring Fair, coordinated all employer confirmation and site logistics for this high-profile community event involving seventy employers and service providers and thirteen hundred job seekers. For 2006 Veterans' Stand Down, coordinated all event logistics, service provider recruitment and registration, and volunteer management and training for this collaborative community initiative.

"I just want to take a minute and thank you and Paul so much for all the work you've put into the regional Disabilities Conference. This conference was incredible and life altering to those staff who were fortunate enough to attend. Know that you and Paul will have made a real difference. Thank you doesn't seem big enough but it's the best I can do."

Debby Kratky
Client Systems Director
Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

"Thanks to you for the good job you did at the board retreat. You were excellent at moving the group along on schedule and helping to clarify and summarize. I would certainly recommend you to anyone looking for a consultant and appreciate the work you did for us. I also hope we get the chance to work together again. Thanks again."

Jill Navarette
Senior Director of Board Operations
Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

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DISTINGUISHED EMPLOYER Of Fort Worth Teens

2008 - 2009
Supporting teen employment
and high school completion

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Tarrant County, and in cooperation with community partners: Fort Worth ISD, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber, City of Fort Worth and Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

When the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce partnered with the United Way of Tarrant County to motivate local employers of teens to create work environments that support school success and graduation, they called on Project Partners' proven consulting and project management services.

Working hand-in-hand with the project team, we recruited a volunteer steering committee of industry leaders to determine best practices and develop and lead the program. We created the concept, the logo, marketing materials and the community relations plan. Through personal outreach to corporate and community leaders, we engaged 23 employers, representing 90 locations and 1000 high school students. Superintendent Melody Johnson, Stay in School Initiative Co-chair Bob Pence, and other district, corporate and community leaders personally acknowledged these first Distinguished Employers at a recognition reception we managed and held at Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County.

This program will continue to make a positive impact on students and employers alike thanks to the Fort Worth Chamber's education and workforce development division.

DISTINGUISHED EMPLOYERS OF FORT WORTH TEENS Community Advocacy for Education Project; '07, '08

"Project Partners not only manages Herculean tasks to achieve extraordinary results, but they present those results to the community all nicely wrapped with a bow!"

Cynthia Fisher Miller
Sr. Director for Workforce Development and Education, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

"What a marvelous job you have done on the Community Advocacy for Education project. Double bravo for your work."

Ann Rice
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, United Way of Tarrant County

"Congrats on such a successful initiative. It was great working so closely with you again."

Judy McDonald
Executive Director
Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County