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## WORKFORCE COMMUNITY & PROBATION DEPT DEPARTMENT JOINT VENTURE

By Racy Ming, H&HS

The Marin Employment Connection (MEC) has joined forces with the County Probation Department to form the Probation Employment Taskforce. This group of like-minded citizens share a common goal - to reduce recidivism in our community by better connect people on probation to the workforce and other resources. The taskforce, comprised of probation officers and representatives from social services and workforce development organizations, decided to put on a resource fair entitled "The Road to Work." The first event occurred January 13th, 2009.

People on probation were required to attend by their probation officers (POs) and in some cases as part of their sentencing. Of the 150+ people who received letters telling them to attend, 89 came to the Road to Work. Twenty different organizations sent staff to be available to speak with the attendees. The program included a keynote speaker, short talks by three people who have turned their lives around and are now successfully employed, as well as short introductions of each of the agencies present.

After that, the attendees were given time to visit with individual tables and find out

about services that might be of interest to them. The plan was for every person to leave with a next step. To make the event more positive, individuals also contributed funds which allowed us to have a raffle of prizes and gift cards. Attendees were asked to complete evaluation forms about the event and the overall feedback was very positive. Many of them cited the inspirational speakers as the best thing about the event. Many also mentioned feeling valued and cared about by the large number of organizations present. The next event will be Tuesday, June 16th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



## MEC PARTNER WORKSHOPS

Effective Communication in the Workplace

Facilitator,  
Chris Kelly

Monday-Friday

Every other week

9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call 473-3300



## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

### M.E.T.R.O.

Marin Employment & Training Resources Orientation

Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

473-3300

### T.O.I.S.

Training Opportunities Information Session

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

1:30—3:00 p.m.

473-3300

## VOCATIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING

*By Bob Jackson, Canal Alliance*

After months of planning, Canal Alliance officially launched its Employer-On-Site Vocational Language Training in September. English language instruction was provided to employees of Ghilotti Bros. Contractors and Kaiser Per-

manente, while Spanish language training was offered to Community Action Marin. Classes met two times per week for 12-16 weeks at convenient times during the lunch hour or after work. Ghilotti Bros. President Mike Ghilotti instituted the class to provide training and mentorship

to the next generation of workers and to increase jobsite safety. All students showed tremendous progress and received a list of possible next steps at the end of class which included specific community classes and job training opportunities through the Marin Employment Connection (MEC).

The English language classes were partially funded by MEC, through the Workforce Investment Act, which assists employers by supplementing the costs of training, literacy and vocational programs.



## MARIN STUDENTS 'THRIVE & SURVIVE'

*By Lorraine DuVernay, Redwood Empire SBDC*

Marin high school students are learning valuable skills that will assist them in pursuing their career avocations.

"Thrive and Survive in the Workplace" is an interactive eight-hour training being offered throughout the county by the Redwood Empire

Small Business Development Center in partnership with Marin County Office of Education. Topics include proper attire, attitude, communication, teamwork and conflict management.

The feedback has been very positive. "The hands-on curriculum allows students to participate in the learning

and get excited about the possibilities in the work world," says Judy Morgan, Project Supervisor of the MCOE School to Career Partnership. For more information, call (707) 524-1770.

# MARCH 2009 EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3 10:00-11:00 a.m. <b>AccentCare</b> Caregivers, <u>CNAs</u> , <u>CHHAs</u>  U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010	4 11:00-noon <b>Select Staffing</b> Spanish speaking <u>Field Sales Agent</u> 1:00-2:00 <b>Big O Tires—</b> Counter Person Tire Technician	5 1:00-2:00 p.m.  <b>Sears</b> Sales	6 U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010
9	10	11	12 2:00-3:00 p.m. <b>AppleOne</b> <b>Employment Services</b> Exec. Assts., Office Mgrs., Sales Reps, etc.	13 U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010
16	17 1:00-3:00 <b>Safeway</b> Store positions  U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010	18 U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010	19 U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010	20 1:30-2:30 p.m. <b>OfficeTeam/</b> <b>Accountemps</b> Accountants, <u>Office positions</u> U.S. Census By appt. only
23	24 1:30-2:30 p.m. <b>Ledgent/</b> <b>Ultimate Staffing</b> Accounting, <i>Payroll, +</i>  U.S. Census By appt. only	25 U.S. Census By appt. only 1-866-861-2010	26 2:00-3:00 p.m.  <b>Nelson Staffing</b> Reception, Admin. Asst. Cust. Service, Data Entry, etc.	27 U.S. Census  By appt. only 1-866-861-2010
30	31 HOLIDAY  MEC Career Resource Center CLOSED			

## MONTHLY MEC WORKSHOPS

The workshop schedule is available on our web site. To sign up or for more information call 473-3300.

**Self-Assessment & Career Exploration:**  
Facilitator  
Annabelle Travis

**Networking into the Hidden Labor Market:**  
Facilitator  
Gill Smith

**Resumes: It Helps to Think Like an Employer!**  
Facilitator  
Josette Molloy

**High-Impact Master Applications & References:**  
Facilitator  
Gill Smith

**Interviewing Techniques:**  
Facilitator  
Lea Del Pomo

**Internet: It's Information, Not Just Job Banks!**  
Facilitator  
Tim McClain



## MARIN CITY CDC NEW SERVICES

*By Marilyn Norman,  
MCCDC*

Kicking off the New Year, the Marin City Community Development Corporation (MCCDC) has been very busy with new and enhanced program offerings. To date 49 participants have completed the **Renewable Energy / Solar Installation and Job Readiness Training** workshop. In January, 15 participants completed this five-day work-

shop and another five days in a Job Club setting, reviewing winning interview techniques, updating resumes, and making sure work-related identification documents are in hand. Participants also receive hands-on training in solar panel installation facilitated by solar non-profit GRID Alternatives. On the job training opportunities (OJT) with solar companies and job offers are the next steps for these participants. So far, 11 of our renewable energy participants have gotten jobs in the "green-collar" sector and 14 are employed in other related sectors. Additionally MCCDC has partnered with **Tamalpais Adult School** and is now offering on-site GED preparation and basic skills

brush-up in math and reading comprehension.

For more information about these programs and other MCCDC program offerings, please call: Marilyn Norman at 339-2840.

Since November, 2008, the MCCDC has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to recruit and test candidates for federal hire. So far we have recruited and tested 154 candidates at our MCCDC office complex. We will know by April 6, 2009, how many out of the 154 have qualified for the Census Employment Test that can lead to being hired.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IMAGE FOR SUCCESS

*By Deirdre Sheerin, IFS*

Image for Success (IFS) is 10 years old. We have provided two-week wardrobes to 5,686 men, women and children since 1999. Our luncheon and

anniversary celebration is May 13 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. Save the date! For information, call 472-5155 or go to [www.imageforsuccess.org](http://www.imageforsuccess.org).



# Blue Skies Café

Buckelew Programs

## Coming Soon!

Campus Opening: Monday, February 23rd  
Grand Opening: Friday, March 20th

Featuring:  
Organic Specialty Coffee Drinks and Delicious Food



Monday – Friday  
8 am – 3 pm

Health and Wellness Campus  
and Connection Center  
3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael  
(near the corner of Kerner and Bellam)

For more info contact Dan Daniels  
Dand@buckelew.org or 415-456-9350

## WELLS FARGO PARTNERS WITH MEC

*By Cynthia Gunselman, H&HS*

Wells Fargo Bank has joined us in our efforts to provide life skills training to customers and clients.

“*Skills You Need for Life,*” is a FREE workshop series offered by Wells Fargo at the MEC. All but one of these workshops will be held in the Redwood Room which can accommo-

date approximately 40 people.

The first workshop on **Budgeting** will be held on Tuesday, March 24th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Next in the series will be **Home Retention**, March 26th, one at 3 p.m. and one at 6 p.m.

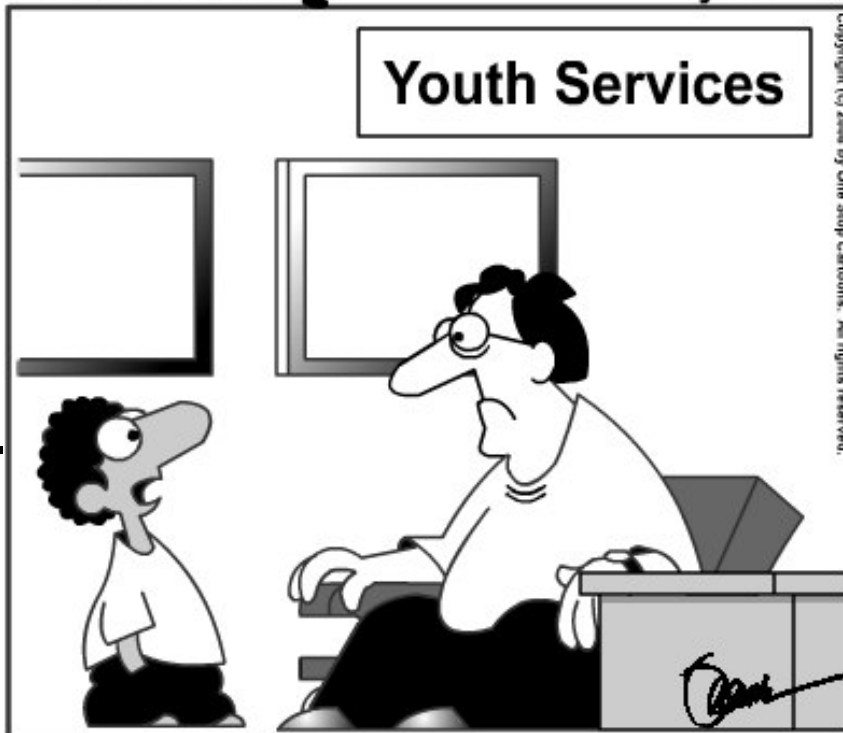
Lastly, **Interviewing**, Tuesday, March 31st from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A flier will be distributed soon, however, it’s not to early to reserve a spot. To register call the MEC Reception at 415-473-3318.



### One Stop

by Franko



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I wanna get to the top quick and retire by the time I'm twelve. What can you do to help?

