**Secure Jobs Connect Brandies Report June 2013**

Monthly Check-In Questions

**1. Please share some of your major accomplishments during June 2013, including stories of clients' successes.**

Secure Jobs Connect has 19 Clients employed as of June 26, 2013 and 3 clients participating in Internships, one is a paid (stipend) internship through the DTA Works Program.

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| **Type of Training** | **Number of Clients** |
| Precision Machinist Training | 1 Client began training on June 24, 2013  1 Client scheduled for the October 2013 Cohort |
| CNATraining | 1 Client began training on June 5, 2013 |
| CNA | 1 Scheduled to start training in August, 2013 |
| Notary Public Certification | 1-Awaiting training |

Additionally we have a number of candidates that we are scheduling/awaiting testing/certification as follows:

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| **Type of Certification** | **Number of Clients** |
| Emergency Medical Technician Testing | 1 Passed Skills portion/scheduled for written test in August, 2013 |
| Certified Medical Assistant Testing | 1 failed state exam awaiting re-test |
| Phlebotomy Recertification | 1 |
| Blood Borne Pathogens Recertification | 1 |
| Certified Nurse’s Assistant Certification | 2 awaiting testing dates |
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Magdelena is a single parent with 2 children. She has solid work history in Puerto Rico, where she worked as a sewer in a factory setting. She has developed Basic English language skills, but lacks confidence in these skills and is reticent to speak English. She came to SJC with the knowledge that she did not have strong enough language skill or the confidence in those skills to participate in education/training and that she wanted to work now and spend months in ESL classes as she needed to increase her household income.

SJC found a business that was in need of experienced sewers. Magdelena excelled in her sewing test, and they offered her a full time position. The company has many bi-lingual staff, so her lack of language skills was not an issue with the business. Magdelena is gaining comfort speaking English and will continue to work on increasing her confidence and skill level

**2. In the past month, was your proposed model working as you planned it? Did you need to change anything?**

We have not made any changes to the model.

**3. What organizational successes and/or challenges (within your agency and/or with partners) have you encountered in June 2013.  If any challenges, how did you address them?**

* A Square One Mom Squad participant is participating in a 30 hour per week internship in the SJC office.
* Three SJC participants are participating in internship experiences 1 client at Square One’s Holyoke Child Care Center, 1 client at the DTA Holyoke Office and 1 in the SJC program.
* We have secured $575.00 scholarship funds to send the school age child of an SJC participant to a 2 week Girl Scout Summer Camp Program.

The CPM Job Navigator hired for Secure Jobs Connect remains vacant, the search process is underway.

We continue to Work at establishing summer child care for school aged children of parents in the program. I am maintaining contact with Sue Beaton on this issue.

Four SJC families are currently in the eviction process. Of the 4, 2 have exhausted their TAFDC eligibility and are awaiting decision on extension eligibility. We are working closely with Stabilization Workers to monitor these situations. Three of the clients in eviction have decided to postpone planned training and get an entry level job immediately to increase income and hopefully prevent eviction. We are hopeful that they will be able to complete training during the program year thereby increasing their earning potential.

4**. Did you use your unrestricted funds (i.e. money that was not allocated for staffing, tuition, etc.) for expenses that are otherwise not covered (purchase of clients textbooks, pay for licensing exam, etc.), and if so, how much and what for?**

No unrestricted funds were spent.

**5. Number of clients served in June 2013:**

**Total:** 44

**Track 1 (Job Readiness Training):** 23

**Track 2 (Skills Training):** 7

**Track 3 (Job Ready):** 14

**Number exited program (if any):** n/a

**Reason(s) for** exit:

**6. Please list any events you held with employers, including job fairs, outreach events, workshops, etc.  Please specify if the event was hosted or organized by one of your partner agencies (such as the career center with which you are working.)**

Secure Jobs Connect clients participated in a number of job fairs in June 2013 including:

* Hot Dogs for Hot Jobs Job Fair (hosted by partner CareerPoint)
* Marriott Residence Job Fair
* Future Works Career Corners (hosted by partner Future Works)