

Workforce Development -

Workforce Development provides employment services to the community through State and Federal funding. The mission of the Department is to work with businesses to determine the needs of in-demand occupations and develop a skilled workforce that strengthens businesses and contributes to the economic success of the community. Workforce Development has approximately 100 employees with an approximate annual budget of \$20 million. The Department has successfully administered workforce development programs since 1973.

The Department works closely with businesses to identify their needs. The Business Services division strives to assist businesses build a skilled workforce that supports local businesses to meet hiring goals, lower training costs and maintain a competitive edge. Funding assistance is available to businesses through the On-The-Job Training, Customized Training, Paid Internship and Apprenticeship Programs.

Workforce Development also works hand in hand with local Economic Development agencies to assure that area residents are prepared to meet the workforce needs of new businesses locating in Stanislaus County and existing businesses interested in upgrading the skills of their workforce or expanding their operations.

To assist job seekers there are four American Job Centers located in Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale and Patterson that assists with job search skills, workforce preparation, and necessary testing to meet employer workforce needs. Additionally, the Department offers intensive employment services such as skill and aptitude assessment, development of an individual employment plan, one-on-one coaching by workforce specialists, vocational training, on the job training, and concentrated customized job search.

The Department also provides services to youth through contracts with youth services agencies located throughout Stanislaus County. These services included job search skills, work experience, occupational skills training, and assistance in basic education. In addition to working with youth, the Department continuously develops innovative programs and direct resources to serve specialized populations such as veterans, homeless individuals and the previously incarcerated.

Stanislaus County Workforce Development strives to make a difference in the lives of others.