

ALLIANCE WORKNET

Through a partnership with the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, The Stanislaus Economic Development and Workforce Alliance provides policy direction to the Alliance WorkNet (formerly the Stanislaus County Department of Employment and Training). The Alliance WorkNet (AWN) provides workforce development services to the community through funding provided through the Workforce Investment Act. AWN/DET has successfully administered federal workforce development programs since 1973.

The AWN has a staff of approximately 90, and an annual budget of about \$8.5 million. AWN is proud to point to the latest Workforce Investment Act performance reports in which Stanislaus County exceeded 14 of the 15 performance goals set by the State of California and the Federal Department of Labor. In regards to performance, AWN ranked in the top 30 percent of Local Workforce Investment Agencies within the State of California.

The Alliance WorkNet assists local businesses in their efforts to hire qualified employees by providing area residents with the job search skills, workforce preparation, and vocational training necessary for them to meet employer workforce needs. During program year 2004-2005, 15,764 individuals visited the One- Stop Career Resource Centers located in Modesto, Ceres, and Turlock, and took advantage of services which included interviewing skills workshops, resume preparation and Job search assistance. In addition, 1,244 area residents received more intensive employment services such as skill and aptitude assessment, development of an individual employment plan, one-on-one coaching by workforce professionals, vocational training, on the job training, and concentrated customized job search.

The AWN also provided employment – related services to 546 area 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.

The Alliance WorkNet works hand in hand with the Alliance Economic Development agency 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.