

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board Chairman's Report

March 2011

Youth Intern Program Offers Hands-on Experience

Our Mission

... enhance economic development efforts of our region by providing a well-trained, high-quality workforce which supports the success of local business and improves the quality of life.

Upcoming Events

April 8, 2011, Friday
Hernando County Job Fair
PHCC Spring Hill Campus
Time: 2:00pm – 7:00pm

April 27, 2011, Wednesday
Congressman Bilirakis
Tri-County Career Fair
Bayanihan Arts Center
Tampa
Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

May 3, 2011, Tuesday
Medical Career Fair
New Port Richey Career
Central Office
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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for more information on
the exciting events
scheduled each month.

Career Central's Youth Program provides workforce training, career awareness, and access to academic opportunities for qualifying youths ages 18-21 throughout Pasco and Hernando Counties. This is a federally funded program, administered by Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board and facilitated by Goodwill Industries Suncoast, Inc.

Through the program, youths have access to tutoring in preparation for the GED exam, assistance in career exploration, as well as internships and specialized training in various fields, and participation in service learning projects. There is a steady flow of eager applicants at all three Career Central locations. Once accepted into the program, participants must attend a 25 hour workshop which helps them identify current aptitude and academic strengths through skill assessments and business coursework. These intensive, workforce readiness workshops are followed by internship, apprenticeship, externship, subsidized, and/or traditional employment opportunities with employers in the community.

The internship component of the Youth program has been very successful and mutually beneficial for the intern and the employer. Youths have the opportunity to work with a local business or organization to gain valuable experience, and employers benefit as well by using this time to interview and select an intern that will be a valuable addition to their workforce.

Joanne Schoch, Executive Director of the Humane Society of The Nature Coast, Inc., is a supporter of the intern program. She is pleased to see "ambitious community minded young people trying to get their start in a productive way".



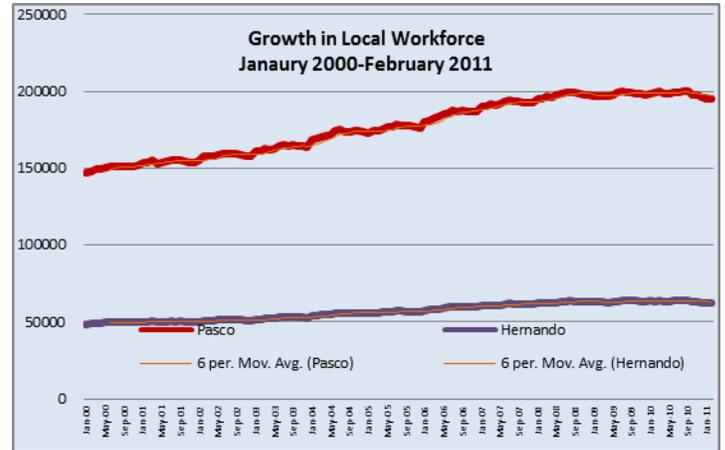
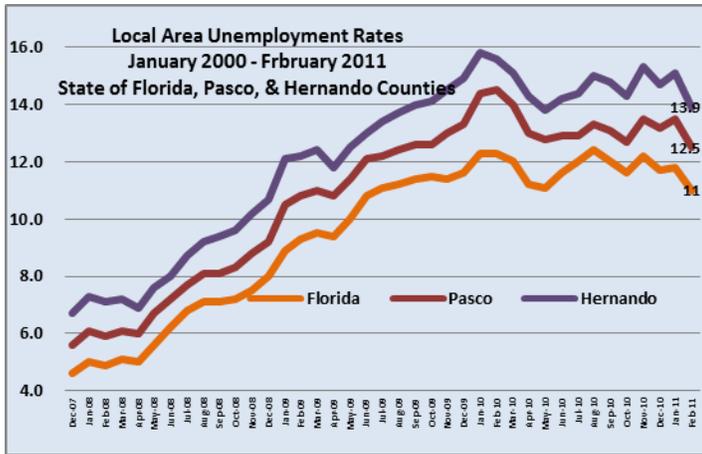
Participation in an internship is for a minimum of 40 hours with a maximum of 80 hours. For many youths, this will be the first time they have interacted and communicated with a business person in a business setting.

For more information on the Youth program, or to become a host site, please contact Jan Johnson by phone at 352-200-3029 or by email at jjohnson@careercentral.jobs.



Career Central is a service of the Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board.

Labor Market Information



These statistics were obtained from the Florida Agency For Workforce Innovation and are not seasonally adjusted.

On-the-Job Training Grants

EMPLOYERS

Do you have a prospective employee who needs training in a particular area?

An "On-the-Job Training" or OJT program might be right for you. Through the OJT program, employers receive partial reimbursement to offset the extraordinary cost of training qualified new hires for a period of 2-16 weeks. Workers "earn and learn", becoming proficient in needed skills more quickly.

The OJT program is an opportunity to train employees your way.

Make an investment in your company. Find out if your business qualifies for this funding.

Contact Blake Harding by phone at 352-848-5025 or via email at bharding@careercentral.jobs.

JOB SEEKERS

Are you seeking employment in a new field and need additional skills to increase your potential for employment?

An "On-the-Job Training" or OJT program might be right for you. Through the OJT program, qualified new hires can "earn and learn".

There are currently more than 50 full-time positions, some paying more than \$18/hour to be filled through OJT programs. Among the open positions are Electrical Design Engineer, Engineering Support Trainee, Project Manager, Turbine Technician, Machine Operator, Machine Tool Setter, Customer Service Representative, and Human Resources Assistant.

For more information on the OJT program, or to see if you qualify, contact Steve Wilson by phone at 352-293-1123 or via email at swilson@careercentral.jobs.

Our business is helping you make the most of yours.