

Update on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Program Activities

Adult and Dislocated Worker (ADW) Program:

High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Pre-Apprenticeship Program

The HRCC program is a 10-week apprenticeship preparation program funded by a discretionary grant from the State of California. In the second week of April, the MCWDB enrolled 17 participants in the HRCC pre-apprenticeship program, which that integrates classroom instruction with hands-on construction training. Staff visits the training site weekly to ensure continued participant support and progress tracking.

During a recent visit, several participants were seen marking lines for upcoming crack-line work on concrete, while others cleared concrete residue from wood and stacked materials near the fence in preparation for building the back-area wall. Next week, the group is scheduled to begin laying asphalt.



Hiring Events and Employer Engagement

Employer engagement remained robust throughout April and May, including:

- A successful Transportation Industry hiring event on May 28th, with strong job seeker turnout and multiple on-site interviews.
- A Salinas Job Fair in April that drew 94 job seekers and 12 employers, with media coverage on KSBW-TV.
- Staff participation in the South County Employment & Resource Fair and Veterans Stand Down, strengthening regional employer relationships.