

JVS Board of Education Report

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COE Candidacy Received

Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center received official notice that the school has been accepted as a candidate for accreditation by the Executive Committee of the Council on Occupational Education. This action was effective June 29, 2013.

Lorain County JVS was visited on June 10 of this year for a review of documentation to assure our policies and processes met their rigorous standards to be accepted as a candidate. The school will host an accreditation visit within the next 18 months to achieve full accreditation status with COE. Accreditation is required for the school to be able to offer Title IV Funding for our students, and also provides continuous improvement standards to assure the quality of our programs.

Assessment Testing

Diana Gott, Assessment Coordinator and Program Developer contracted with a new client, **Pepperidge Farm**, for the purpose of developing ACT WorkKeys Job Profiles for their plant and line mechanic positions. These profiles were developed using input provided by current employees in these positions, acting as subject matter experts, to update tasks and skills needed to match the skills of applicants with those needed for successful job performance. The completed profile provides the company with a customized task list and the skill levels needed to achieve this successful performance.

Pepperidge Farm, located in Willard, Ohio currently employs approximately 600 people. The company recently broke ground for an additional building and new production line which will create future employment needs that can be more efficiently met through the use of these job profiles.

Diana continues to provide pre-employment testing for **Nestles Prepared Foods** in Solon, Ohio. The areas tested are: Workkeys Reading for Information,

Applied Math, Locating Information and Observation. Nestles requires specific skill levels in order to receive an interview for their jobs.

Diana has also completed Workkeys testing with clients at **Towards Employment**, Cleveland, Ohio in the areas of Applied Math, Reading and Locating Information. The tests will determine a person's skill level and can be matched to profiles of jobs they are seeking.

OSHA Training

Ralph Bentley, Program Developer, attended the OSHA 501 class in Livonia, Michigan from July 23 to July 26. The 32-hour class updated OSHA standards and specified teaching outcomes for OSHA training. Each participant received the new 29 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 1910 OSHA General Industry Regulations manual, new teaching materials and CDs.

Because OSHA will no longer provide on-line classes, all training must be provided in a classroom setting, taught by an approved OSHA Outreach Safety Trainer. As a result of this training, Ralph has this designation.

Additionally, new regulations must be implemented in companies by December of this year. Data Safety Sheets will now be regulated by a Global Harmonized System (GHS) which will provide for international consistency of safety documentation. Training for implementation of this standard will be required and the JVS is now prepared to offer these classes.

Cosmetology Students: Graduation, Community Service and Spa Day Activities

This June, the Senior Cosmetology class went on a tour of several salons in the area. They observed the advantages and disadvantages in salons of renting a chair versus owning a salon and spa. Students are working on their "build a salon project" and preparing to interview once they have completed the class.

On July 13, the Adult Career Center cosmetology students participated in the Child Resource Group of Lorain County's annual retreat at Wellington Reserve. Students polished fingernails, gave chair, hand and arm massages to approximately 40 women. The Child Resource Group appreciated the pampering from the students and the students spoke enthusiastically of their experience.

The Cosmetology Program offered the first "Mommy and Me" Day on July 18. The students came in early for the daytime session from 10 am to 3 pm. The second session was from 4 pm to 9 pm. We had 18 participants who enjoyed services including pedicures, manicures, hair styling and some braiding techniques. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

The students also participated at the annual Oberlin Family Fun Day Saturday, August 3, 2013 at our LCJVS Adult Career Center Booth—painting nails and giving hand and arm massages.