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QUARTERLY REPORT

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JUNE 2022

MARYLAND 4.7%
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 4.1%

Public School Support Hiring Event at Old Mill High School
Fast Stats for Q4

**BUSINESS SOLUTIONS**

- 95 Businesses Engaged
- 1,199 Services Provided
- 95% Customer Satisfaction

**INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS**

- 58 Candidates Added to the Pipeline
- 6 Industry Solutions Implemented
- 13 Businesses Engaged in Collaboratives

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

- 208 Participants Career Ready
- 25% Of Career Ready Participants Gained Employment
- 69% Of Employed Participants Earning $19.42/hr or Above

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 206 Residents Engaged
- 75% Of Residents in Intensive Services Gained Employment
- 95% Of Employed Participants Earning $15/hr or Above

Building Success

Before AAWDC, Jacob was a Treatment Assistant who helped reshape people’s lives for the better. But he had dreams of furthering himself in hopes of becoming a Journeyman in the construction trades. Jacob completed AAWDC’s pre-apprenticeship HVAC training in April and accepted employment as an HVAC/Warehouse Apprentice with Fresh Air Concepts LLC in June. This program helped him to take accountability, teaching him to not be afraid to ask for help and the integrity to continue to work towards a goal even when faced with adversity.

Featured Highlight

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT HIRING EVENT**

AAWDC teamed up with Anne Arundel County Public Schools to hold a hiring event primarily for the support positions within the system. Positions in the fields of Construction, Food Service, Office Support, IT, Security, Transportation were highlighted. The event was held at Old Mill High School in Millersville and 260 candidates attended the event. Traffic was steady throughout the day and all of the division representatives were very pleased with the event.
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

On April 9, AAWDC participated in a Community Resource Fair at Discoveries: The Library at the Mall in support of the Library’s Community Pantry as part of a Leadership Anne Arundel Flagship project.

HIRING HAPPY HOUR

In partnership with the Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce, AAWDC held a Happy Hour Hiring Event. The idea was to make this a less formal event and have company representatives mingle with opportunity seekers. We had four companies attend the event and 12 opportunity seekers attended.

VISIT ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PARTNER HIRING EVENT

AAWDC partnered with Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to host two hiring events in support of the hospitality industry. The first in-person event took place at the BWI Marriott and connected 50 candidates with 23 local businesses. The second event was a Statewide Virtual Hospitality Hiring Event which brought together destination marketing groups and workforce development agencies from across Maryland. The event featured 27 businesses from 80 different locations across the state.

NEW “BOT-A-THON” TRAINING

AAWDC’s “Bot-a-thon” 6-week training program for County youth and young adults began in June. During this training, the youth learn how to create virtual chat bots that commonly appear on internal and external websites for many businesses. Participants will also be given the opportunity to test for the following certifications - Azure Fundamentals, Azure AI Fundamentals, Designing & Implementing an Azure AI Solution, Azure Administrator.

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DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING

AAWDC held its first Digital Literacy course in June. Ten participants were interested in IT or wanted to get entry-level computer training for employment successfully completed the training. The classes were taught live online, with the first class being in person. The participants will take their final exam and if they pass will earn their Microsoft Digital Literacy credential.

CONSTRUCTION HIRING EVENT

AAWDC collaborated with local businesses for a Construction Hiring Event at the Career Center. 42 job seekers registered and 9 businesses attended and provided positive feedback; they were happy to engage perspective talent and get the word out that they are hiring.

IT/CYBER HIRING EVENT

AAWDC hosted an IT/Cybersecurity Hiring Event in June where 46 candidates met 3 local businesses looking to fill IT and cybersecurity positions. “It was a good day for me.” - Mike Greentree, VP of Seculore Solutions, LLC

HEALTHCARE HIRING PARTNERSHIP

AAWDC, Maryland Department of Labor, and Division of Rehabilitation Services partnered to host the Spring Healthcare Hiring Event at the Career Center. Twelve businesses who were seeking healthcare professionals and support service professionals attended the event. Businesses included ComForcare, BayWoods of Annapolis, A Homemade Plan, Luminis Health, Brightview Senior Living, Catholic Charities of Baltimore, The Maryland Army National Guard, Providence Center, Capital City Nurses, FutureCare, Johns Hopkins, and University of Maryland Rehab and Ortho.

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