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This report Reflects May 2017

Current Job Openings (Includes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
May	31, 608	3361

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.4%	4.5%	5.0%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	3.1%	3.2%	3.8%
Benton	2.9%	3.6%	3.4%
Cedar	2.6%	3.2%	2.9%
Iowa	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%
Johnson	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Jones	3.6%	4.6%	4.4%
Linn	3.1%	3.4%	3.6%
Washington	2.7%	3.1%	2.5%

Business Services:

In addition to business visits, the business services team assisted the following businesses during this reporting period through targeting recruiting events in the IowaWORKS center:

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Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

May 2017

HyVee-3 day hiring event
 Servicemaster
 Ruffalo Noel Levitz
 RGIS 2
 Team Staffing 2
 Worksource
 Kum&Go

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

May 2017

Affordable Cleaning
 Team Staffing

Center activities in May:

- The business team assisted HyVee in a three day hiring event here at the CR IowaWORKS center. While numbers were lower this year due to a shift in marketing by HyVee, they were still very pleased with our assistance and quality of applicants.
- Jennifer Lahey participated in the Employment Sub-Committee for the Re-Entry Network - exploring the employment/training barriers returning citizens face.
- The business team assisted with a Financial Literacy Fair hosted by Workplace Learning Connection. At the fair, volunteers staffed different booths and assisted middle school students with making financial decisions based on their monthly income which they determine through career exploration prior to the fair.
- Business team attended the All Star Luncheon at the Kirkwood Hotel on May 25 which featured achievement awards to employees from all six 6 Sector Boards. Three area businesses joined the team as a guest.
- Sharon Bowers participated in the ICAD Job Club at the Hiawatha Library on May 19. The event featured four alums who told their story about their journey back to employment.
- Mace Huffman attended ACE Sector Board Meeting and focus groups at Kirkwood CC, in partnership with local businesses to design more efficient processes to better promote/market each other's programs. He also met with Voc. Rehab staff to explain

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roles of Vet Reps, and how we could partner and assist with promoting each other's clients/programs; both on the job seeker and employer levels.

- Kate Pine met with the Gear UP teachers from CR School district and discussed using NCRC as part of the student's assessment. Three of the teachers subsequently took the NCRC and learned about proctoring. One of the schools is having the admin and guidance counselors test in June.
- Third round of training for Registered Apprenticeship was completed. The POCs for each district were taught how to access and use the DOL Standards Builder. Kate will be offering training to district staff this week as a follow up to the 3rd round of training.
- The business team attended an EIARA conference on May 9th regarding Avoiding Tragedy at Work.
- IowaWORKS partnered with ICAD to host the Corridor Works Professional Edition Career Fair-Positions paying 40k and above. We had 13 employers registered with 140 job seekers.
- ECI hosted a seminar on May 31st on E-verify with around 25 employers in attendance.

Rapid Response Activities:

General Dynamics-Iowa City: Laid off 220 effective end of May. We held 3 rapid response meetings for impacted workers May 2-4th. They recently sent another WARN notice impacting another 21 workers in August.

KMART in Iowa City is closing in Late August/early September. We are in the process of scheduling a manager meeting and discuss worker meetings regarding the 49 impacted workers.

In May 2017, several short term trainings were offered free as core services to members of IowaWORKS and are listed below.

Forklift Certification

CPR for Healthcare

Computer Classes (Keyboarding, Word, Email/Internet, Excel)-CR and IC offerings

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Synopsis of the State Apprenticeship Grant

907 referrals
130 enrollments
26 OJT placements
52 non OJT placements
52 referrals to WIOA
2 job ready
50 exits
Current OJT's: Homeland Electric, Centro Plastics, Collum Electric

This grant is ending 6/30/17 and will not be extended.