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Submitted by Jennifer Johnson

# **Sierra Business and Career Network**



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## CLIENT SUCCESS STORY---MELINA ROURKE

**Congratulations to Melina Rourke, who was recently hired at H&R Block in Reno, Nevada as their new full time receptionist. Melina worked as a hotel manager at the Siena Hotel Spa and Casino until they closed their doors in August of 2010. Melina says she is excited about starting her new position. H&R Block has also invited Melina to take their tax preparation course. Upon completion, Melina will be eligible for a promotion to Tax Preparer for next year's tax season. Business & Career Center staff worked closely with Melina on preparing her resume and assisting her in job search both through the computer and with referrals. Melina was in using the computer lab almost every day searching for jobs and contacting potential employers. Congratulations Melina!!**



**Two of the Dislocated Workers from the closure of the Sierra Pacific Co-gen plant in Loyalton obtained good positions this quarter!!**

### **CLIENT SUCCESS—DAN HENSON**

Dan Henson completed his training through the Breining Institute for the Registered Addiction Specialist in September, 2011. Dan became interested in pursuing this career stemming from his own personal experience. Sierra Business and Career Network helped him successfully complete his training by providing supportive services for the tuition and other related fees. Dan applied for a position with Sierra County, Loyalton as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor and was hired full time on October 31, 2011!! He will complete his required internship, obtain his professional RAS credential and retain his County position as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor!! Dan was one of the many dislocated workers from the closure of the Co-Gen plant in Loyalton. Congratulations Dan! Persistence and hard work pay off again.



## CLIENT SUCCESS-GREG KLUDT



Greg Kludt, another Loyalton Co-Gen Plant dislocated worker, was hired at the Sierra County Landfill as an equipment operator on December 5, 2011. The Sierra BCN staff has helped Greg develop his resume, supplied him with supportive services and continuously referred him to various positions. This last referral by Sierra staff to the County Landfill position was the success he has been working toward. Greg worked a couple different stop gap positions, waiting for a good opportunity to open up. His last stop gap was working for Nevada Energy out of Reno, Nevada as a meter reader. In this case it was persistence and patience that finally paid off for him!! Congratulations Greg!!



## CLIENT SUCCESS-VICTORIA ALVAREZ

Congratulations Victoria Alvarez on your new position with Amazon.com! Victoria came to us after relocating from Downieville. The Sierra Business and Career Network staff helped her develop a “stand out” resume and trained her in online job search. Victoria was looking for immediate employment and was open to working with a variety of different employers. She was recently hired at Amazon.com as a shipping operator working 40 hours per week with full benefits. Great job Victoria!



## YOUTH SUCCESS-JENESSA WALKER

Jenessa Walker is a participant in the Youth Program. She is a graduate of Loyalton High School and parenting a young daughter. Her ultimate goal is to go to college and get a degree, but her immediate need was a job. Her work experience was very limited, but with the help of Sierra BCN staff, Jenessa was able to get a full time cashier job with the local market, Leonard's in Loyalton. Now, we will start focusing on career assessment and college programs!! Way to go Jenessa!



## GRAND OPENING IN SIERRAVILLE



**Bill and Kelly Money moved to the Sierra Valley several years ago from Truckee. They were long time residents of Truckee and the owners of a famous eatery, Donner Lake Kitchen. Bill and Kelly were recently forced to close down the well loved café. Six months ago the opportunity presented itself for a new “Kitchen” to be opened in Sierraville. The Sierraville Kitchen opened its doors in November 2011. A steady stream of Sierra Valley locals and loyal Truckee patrons are keeping Bill, Kelly and their staff busy seven days a week. Sierra BCN staff welcomes the Money’s to the business community and look forward to continuing to work with them as their business grows!!**



# UPCOMING BUSINESS AND CAREER NETWORK EVENTS



## **Project MANAGEMENT** *for the Small Business Government Contractor* *Learn principles and components of Project Management*

**January 10, 2012** - 9 am to 12 pm

This class will introduce you to the nine elements of Project Management.

### **You'll learn about:**

- 1) Integration Management
- 2) Scope Management
- 3) Time Management
- 4) Cost Management
- 5) Quality Management
- 6) Human Resource Management
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### **Presented by:**



### **Cost:**

This class is FREE. To see our complete list of free government contracting classes, go to [www.TheFTC.org](http://www.TheFTC.org).

### **Location:**

Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc.  
Business and Career Network  
270 County Hospital Road, Second Floor  
Quincy, CA 95971

### **Registration:**

Pre-registration is required due to limited seating.  
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**LEARN ABOUT THE 2012 LABOR LAW CHANGES  
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- \* NLRB-Notification of Employee Rights
- \* Meal & Rest Period Update
- \* Pregnancy Disability Leave SB299
- \* Notice of Pay Detail AB469
- \* Independent Contractor SB459
- \* What laws apply to your business?
- \* And much more!

*2012 Labor Law posters and pamphlets available for ordering!*

**Date:** January 31, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Contact:** Jennifer Johnson  
 (530) 993-4295

**Location:** Loyalton Senior Center  
 302 First Street, Loyalton, CA

**Fee: \$39 per person**

**Register by January 17, 2012**

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send me electronic notice of future seminars, forums, etc.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons

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