



Kauai

Workforce Development Board

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General Summary

May 2016

- Transitioning of WIA/WIOA Act continues to take place at the local level while the Board continues to provide oversight and monitoring of the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services Programs.
- Continued collaborations with one of our major stakeholders the State of Hawaii. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation proved to be fruitful as the Kauai County Council approves our grant funding request on January 13th that finally started the ball rolling on our first County pilot program for DVR-SYEP Program. A special summer youth employment program for student participants with special needs. This collaborative grant for approximately \$161,000 will serve approximately 25 participants that will be provided work experiences in the County of Kauai. Program is to begin June 1st to July 31st, 2016.
Implementation for DVR-SYEP program is under way. Preparation with County worksites and recruitment of participants begin. Special meet and greet days for student and worksite supervisors to start this month.
- Another Youth Council/Board initiative is a Culture & Career Program that introduces Native Hawaiian students to Career Pathway choices at K.A.N.A.K.A. 21st. Century Charter School in Kekaha. Students range from 6th grade to seniors in high school. These series presentations help students make needed academic choices they will help to prepare them for their future careers in life. Series started on January 15th and runs once a month. Another school started a career pathway process is Kawaikini
- CEDS Meetings Continue in the Community. KWDB Board seeks to align with CEDS focus and initiatives.
- KWDB Board collaborations with the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce and the Kauai Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce continue into another year. These Organizations are comprised of businesses and people from around the island that volunteer with Board initiatives such as Job Fairs, Small Business Fairs, Forums and Job Summits held on Kauai.
- Career Pathways presentation with Jeff Fantine was hosted at the State DVR office on Oahu. Other Stakeholders were also invited to the table to discuss this initiative to work on the WIOA DRAFT of the State Unified Plan.
- Tentative Kauai WDC meeting planned for May 13th. The focus is on the State Unified Plan with Jeff Fantine.