

**EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
PINELLAS COUNTY
DECEMBER 2013**

**Unemployment Rates (%)
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

	DEC 13	NOV 13	DEC 12
CSPIN	5.7	6.1	7.7
FLORIDA	5.9	6.3	7.8
US TOTAL	6.5	6.6	7.6

Average Annual Wage

	2012	2011
CSPIN	\$43,958	\$42,388
FLORIDA	\$43,210	\$42,312

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Pinellas region (Pinellas County) was 5.7 percent in December 2013, the lowest since May 2008 when it was 5.6 percent. The region's jobless rate was down 2.0 percentage points from 7.7 percent a year ago and was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state's rate of 5.9 percent. Out of a labor force of 446,247, there were 25,573 unemployed residents in the region last month.
- Hillsborough and Pinellas counties shared the lowest unemployment rate in the four-county Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro area in December (5.7 percent). The jobless rates in the other counties in the metro area were 6.7 percent in Pasco and 7.4 percent in Hernando.
- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in total nonagricultural jobs in December 2013. It also led the other metro areas in over-the-year employment growth in mining, logging, and construction; financial activities; professional and business services; and education and health services.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center (January 24, 2014)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Connecting Business & Education Investing in the Tampa Bay YouthBuild program

In August of 2013 WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d.b.a. CareerSource Pinellas was awarded a U.S. Department of Labor \$1.1M grant to continue the Tampa Bay YouthBuild program. The program provides academic and occupational skills training to at-risk youth ages 17 to 24 while emphasizing leadership development and community service. YouthBuild students work full-time towards their GED or high school diploma and receive "hands on" occupational skills training while receiving industry certifications in the construction trades. As an incentive, students earn bi-weekly stipends as milestones and goals are reached.



Tampa Bay YouthBuild students will be working with the St. Petersburg Housing Authority on the Wounded Warrior Housing facility, a 100-unit housing complex for low-income wounded veterans. Students will also be involved with numerous restoration projects at The James B. Sanderlin – Neighborhood Family Center.

We need your support.

Tampa Bay YouthBuild program needs support from the community in order to succeed. This an excellent opportunity for your organization to invest in the future of these young men and women. Opportunities of engagement include:

- Community partnerships will play a key role in this program as referral, support service, and placement resources
- Financial support to purchase building supplies for the construction projects, tools, and safety supplies
 - **URGENT: YouthBuild workshop needed to support construction theory and worksite training**
- In-kind support for a variety of basic building supplies
- Mentors

What's in it for you?

In addition to the personal satisfaction gained from effecting meaningful change to our community, you will have the opportunity to network with members of the CareerSource Pinellas YouthBuild Leadership Council and your fellow contemporaries. Investors receive:

- Your organizations name on an outdoor sign at the The James B. Sanderlin – Neighborhood Family Center
- A thank you letter with photograph from the 2013-2015 class graduates
- Corporate logo and link on CareerSource Pinellas and Tampa Bay YouthBuild websites
- Corporate recognition in CareerSource Pinellas Chairman's Report
- Invitation to attend the YouthBuild Open House and Graduation Ceremony
- Corporate Logo in the Graduation Program
- Lead the way for a YouthBuild Scholar to participate in an industry internship

For more information on how you can invest in these youth please contact Jeanette Stephens at (727) 465-4111, jstephens@careersourcepinellas.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

MARCH 5, 11:00 AM
Executive Committee
EpiCenter

MARCH 19, 11:45 AM
Board of Directors
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MARCH 12, 3:00 PM
Business Seminar Series:
2014 - Worker's Compensation
EpiCenter

APRIL 25, 9:00 AM
Finance Committee
EpiCenter

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2014 Business Associations Request for Qualification

CareerSource Pinellas has a Request for Qualification posted for 2014 Business Associations (RFQ No. 2014 01) to gather performance-based Partnership Agreements with local business associations for the period of January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014.

Sealed proposals will be received by CareerSource Pinellas, in the executive offices, located at 13805 58th Street N. Suite 2-140, Clearwater, FL 33760.

To view the Request for Qualification online, go to:

www.careersourcepinellas.com/rfps

Further information may be obtained by emailing Marilyn Browne at: mbrowne@careersourcepinellas.com. Submittal deadline is 12/31/2014.

You're Invited! Workers' Compensation

Please join Sheryle Birdsong, Government Analyst from the Division of Workers' Compensation, as she presents information to assist employers regarding the Workers' Compensation law. Topics include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Exemptions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Enforcement Provisions

The "2014 - Workers' Compensation" business seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2014 from 3:00pm until 4:30pm at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter in Clearwater (13805 58th Street N., Room 2-304). Details about the event are available by contacting Marilyn Browne at mbrowne@careersourcepinellas.com or (727) 608-2420.

Samantha Wilson - Customer Success Story



Samantha Wilson, a single mother of two, was homeless and unemployed when she began utilizing the services at CareerSource Pinellas. Without any support of family and only a high school diploma Ms. Wilson found it tough to get ahead.

Staff at CareerSource Pinellas referred Ms. Wilson to a shelter for temporary housing and provided a safe community service site where she could obtain job skills. She was also able to utilize childcare and transportation assistance.

In November 2013, Ms. Wilson obtained employment and has been promoted to a customer service lead in her department. Now that she is a transitional customer she can take advantage of tuition assistance.

"CareerSource Pinellas aided me to go from welfare to work, now I am well on my way to self-sufficiency" stated Ms. Wilson.