

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PINELLAS COUNTY AUGUST 2014

Unemployment Rates (%) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	AUG 14	JULY 14	AUG 13
CSPIN	6.3	6.4	7.2
FLORIDA	6.7	6.6	7.4
US TOTAL	6.3	6.5	7.3

Average Annual Wage

	2013	2012
CSPIN	\$43,496	\$43,958
FLORIDA	\$43,651	\$43,210

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Pinellas region (Pinellas County) was 6.3 percent in August 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 0.9 percentage point from 7.2 percent a year ago and was 0.4 percentage point below the state rate of 6.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 453,489, there were 28,737 unemployed residents in the region.
- Pinellas County (6.3 percent) had the lowest unemployment rate in the four-county Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro area in August. The jobless rates in the other counties in the metro area were 6.7 percent in Hillsborough, 7.5 percent in Pasco, and 8.8 percent in Hernando.
- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater ranked first in over-the-year job gains in manufacturing.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center (September 19, 2014)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2014 Business & Education Summit

On September 12th, CareerSource Pinellas and CareerSource Tampa Bay welcomed 135 industry and education leaders to the 8th Annual Regional Business & Education Summit. Representing both sides of the bay, these leaders were treated to an informative presentation regarding the future of education from Lead Education Writer for NPR, Anya Kamenetz. Ms. Kamenetz spoke of the complexities of how we will learn, work, and live in the new Millennium.



Attendees were given the opportunity to take part in breakout sessions to share and gain knowledge in targeted industry sectors such as: Information Technology, Healthcare, Financial & Professional Services, Construction, and Manufacturing & Aviation.

Education representatives from Hillsborough and Pinellas counties participated in a panel discussion. The panel included Michael A. Grego, Ed. D., Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools; Ms. Kathy Valdes, Deputy Superintendent of Hillsborough County Public Schools; Dr. Judy Genshaft, President and CEO/Corporate Secretary of University of South Florida; Dr. Bill Law, President of St. Petersburg College; and Mr. John Meeks, Director of Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) programs at Hillsborough Community College.



Also during the event, attendees gave over \$3,500 for student scholarships in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: Training for Emerging Careers (STEM TEC) program.

Thank you to our sponsors for investing in the 2014 Business & Education Summit!



"From an industry perspective it is important to bring education and business together because in the rapidly changing world of technology advances it helps us in business better understand what the students are doing from a learning standpoint – what we can know about their strengths and challenges as they might relate to our specific industry or profession. It also gives business an opportunity to provide feedback to educators as to areas in which the educational system could improve in providing skills us in business need in our future leaders."

Bill Price, Shareholder, PDR Certified Public Accountants

"The summit provides business and education leaders an excellent forum to connect and have dialogue. The focused discussions on the opportunities and obstacles in our region help local leaders ensure our students are prepared for the workforce and that the workforce is prepared for our students. I look forward to continued collaboration among educators and business leaders in our region."

Dr. Michael A. Grego, Ed. D. Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

OCTOBER 8, 12:00 PM
Career Fair
EpiCenter @ SPC


OCTOBER 21, 8:00 AM
Business Seminar Series
EpiCenter @ SPC

OCTOBER 31, 9:00 AM
Finance Committee
EpiCenter @ SPC

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You're Invited! Business Seminar Series

Please join us for the upcoming business seminar, *Hottest Topics in Labor and Employment Law and Best Practices for Employers*, presented by Attorney Gail Golman Holtzman, Shareholder with Kass Shuler, P.A. Ms. Holtzman has significant experience representing employers in counseling and litigation involving employment rights and responsibilities.

Hottest Topics in Labor and Employment Law and Best Practices for Employers, the first seminar in the series, will focus on navigating employment issues such as legal developments in discrimination and retaliation claims, social media and privacy, governmental initiatives effecting employers, plus much more.

The seminar will be held **October 21, 2014** at the **EpiCenter at St. Petersburg College (13805 58th Street North) in Clearwater**, from **8:00am – 9:30am**. The cost for the seminar is \$25.00 (food and beverage included). To register for this seminar or future seminars, visit: www.careersourcepinellas.com/pages/business_seminars.

For more information on the Business Seminar Series, please contact Marilyn Browne at (727) 608-2420 or brownem@careersourcetampabay.com.

Tampa Bay YouthBuild Success Stories

Keyon Whitehead



Before enrolling in the Tampa Bay YouthBuild program Keyon Whitehead knew of only one path to income...selling drugs. He was tired of watching his friends die or go to prison and wanted to make a change before he was next. Keyon learned of YouthBuild through his cousin that had been interviewed for the program. Keyon saw it as an opportunity to learn about things he was always interested in and maybe one day start his own business. They made a promise that they would attend the program and make a change together.

When the program started Keyon was disengaged and discouraged. But once vocational class began, his interest grew and soon he became a vocational leader. Staff relied on him for safety management and project leadership, while students were eager to team up with him to learn more and get projects accomplished. After graduating from the YouthBuild program, Keyon was offered employment with Zia Design Solutions Incorporated as a general laborer. "Everything I learned in vocational class is the same thing I am doing at my job," said Keyon. When asked whether others should pursue the YouthBuild program, he replied, "This program will have you rethink about what you are doing right now and if I could do it over again I would work harder than I did the last time."

Richard Mayorg



At 13, after moving to Florida with his family, Richard Mayorg began spiraling down the wrong path. He escaped adult charges at 17 years old and knew he needed a change. After learning about the Tampa Bay YouthBuild program he decided this may be the opportunity for him. However, a month prior to starting the program, Richard was arrested for a misdemeanor.

Once the program started Richard constantly impressed YouthBuild staff with his strong work ethic. Not only did he work hard inside the classroom but he showed resilience to fellow students by working a full-time job in the evenings and maintaining attendance while facing serious issues like family illnesses and being homeless. Richard recently graduated from the YouthBuild program and is now employed with QTM Incorporated, a metal works company that handles precision machining and welding. His goal is to learn all aspects of metal works and continue school for welding. "I've never been happier, I've never loved going to work before," Richard states. When asked whether others should pursue the YouthBuild program, he said, "Go for it, nobody is giving you anything, you have to work hard for it. But you are really going to want this, trust me, it's worth it!"