

SonomaWORKS Programs

Goodwill provides a number of employment service programs to individuals receiving Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) who are referred by the Sonoma County Human Services Department. The County program, known as SonomaWORKS, assists people transitioning from welfare to work. The programs provided by Goodwill include Job Search Services, Transitional Work, Community Service Volunteer, Learning Enhancement and Achievement, Enhanced Subsidized Employment, and the Temporary Employment Program.

Job Search Services (JSS)

This SonomaWORKS employment program has two service delivery components, Intensive Job Search (IJS) and Targeted Job Search (TJS). Each four-week program is designed to assist individuals with gaining the skills needed to obtain and retain employment. Services offered:



Tomas, employed at Ghilotti
Construction

- Application and online job search assistance
- Targeted resume creation
- Mock interview practice including using SKYPE
- Networking and how to work a job fair
- Life skills and parenting workshops
- Career planning
- Job retention

The program offers a menu of services that provide the opportunity for customized job search plans to meet each person's needs. Once employed, support and assistance is made available through Goodwill and the Sonoma County Human Services Department.

Transitional Work Program (TWP)



Ivette, TWP participant

Transitional Work is an intensive, six-month program designed to help SonomaWORKS participants build work skills and experience through a combination of unpaid classroom training and paid temporary work. With the goal of unsubsidized employment after six months, TWP provides employment readiness classes and on-the-job training/work experience through paid employment at a Goodwill facility. The National

Retail Federation Foundation Customer Service Certification training is provided to all program participants.

Community Service (CS)

Community Service is a volunteer program working with community non-profits that enables people to gain valuable work experience while contributing to their community. Activities offered are designed to build on the individual's successes and construct a bridge to employability. Consideration and evaluation goes into matching the volunteer worksite to the person's skills, interest, and short and long-term goals. The ultimate goal of the program is successful job placement, retention, and eventual self-sufficiency gained through unsubsidized employment.



Nick, CS participant, and Leigh Thorsen, Volunteer Coordinator, Earle Baum Center

Learning Enhancement and Achievement Program (LEAP)



Ashley, LEAP participant

LEAP is a unique program providing an array of services for SonomaWORKS referrals who have been diagnosed with a learning disability. Individuals receive case management assistance to pursue education, training, career services, community service, and job placement. The program coordinator assists in the implementation of accommodations necessary in each of the above activities. In addition, the coordinator is instrumental in assisting each person in learning to advocate for themselves with employers and educators.

Enhanced Subsidized Employment (ESE)

Enhanced Subsidized Employment (ESE) offers opportunities for eligible individuals to gain valuable employment skills and experiences that will lead to unsubsidized employment. People who are referred have the opportunity to determine what type of employment they are seeking, to receive support and guidance, and have an increased chance to be placed in a paid position. ESE assists employers through the initial hiring process by providing a subsidy to the employer as an incentive. Wage subsidies are for 75% of the gross wages for up to \$10,000 or 6 months per trainee.



Jessica, employed at
SalonCentric

Temporary Employment Program (TEP)

Temporary Employment offers SonomaWORKS referrals paid, short-term, temporary employment within Goodwill that helps build self-confidence, develop life and job skills, acquire community contacts, learn appropriate work behaviors, and contribute to the community.

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