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Atlanta CareerRise Upcoming Training Calendar

Goodwill Flooring Installation Training: Class begins May 3rd. Register now!

Aerotropolis Construction Ready Training: Class begins May 1st. Register now!

Young Adult Hospitality Training with Atlanta Airport Hotel Council: Coming this summer!

Contact hevans@unitedwayatlanta.org for more information.

Regional Project Updates

Tree Care Management Program Graduates 100% of First Cohort



The new Greater Atlanta Tree Care Sector Partnership just graduated 100% of its pilot cohort of Tree Care Management trainees. This program, developed by seven local employers with support from the Tree Care Industry Association and the Georgia Arborist Association, prepares trainees for entry-level tree care and arborist positions while simultaneously tackling the high youth unemployment rate in the region.

The six week training, led by the Greening Youth Foundation, provided industry-specific training including tree safety, ground operations, chipper operation, and chainsaw safety and operation, as well as personal financial, professional, and character development. The twenty trainees, selected from over 700 applicants, earned up to 4 industry certifications each and interviewed with participating employers.

Entry level positions are full time and non-seasonal, and with additional training, lead to family-sustaining careers in such positions as Aerial Lift Operator, Tree Climber, and Plant Health Care Technicians. The pilot training was financially supported by Atlanta CareerRise, United Way of Greater Atlanta's Opportunity Youth Collaborative, WorkSource Metro Atlanta, and the employers. Additional cohorts are being planned for summer of 2017.

Atlanta CareerRise in the News

ACR Awarded Grant from IHG® Foundation for Hospitality Partnership

Atlanta CareerRise received a grant from the IHG® Foundation to establish a Hospitality Training Partnership in the Aerotropolis region that will initially provide about 25 disadvantaged youth and young adults with skills, supports and experiences to obtain and advance in hospitality careers. The pilot utilizes the customer service curriculum developed by Generation, a McKinsey Social Initiative program with a strong record of success and impact on both participants and employers across the country. This partnership supports the strategic goal of the Atlanta Aerotropolis Workforce Collective to establish a youth training and work experience program to serve as a model for working together across four local workforce development agency youth programs for the Aerotropolis Atlanta area.



Key partners in the formation of the partnership include the Atlanta Airport Hotel Council and the Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association, WorkSource Aerotropolis, United Way of Greater Atlanta Opportunity Youth Initiative, Generation, and the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services.

The IHG® Foundation works to set the foundations for stronger, healthier, more prosperous communities around the world. The IHG® Foundation focuses on helping communities develop hospitality skills, ensuring support for those impacted by disasters, facilitating local community investment and protecting the environment.

New Appointments to ACR Leadership Council

Atlanta CareerRise announces the following individuals have joined its Leadership Council in FY 2016-17. The Leadership Council sets strategy, policy and priorities for the funders collaborative and makes operational and financial decisions in concert with its managing partner, United Way of Greater Atlanta.

Joining the Leadership Council are:

Beth Gilroy, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility for the Americas MUFG Union Bank

Amy Lancaster, Director, Workforce Development, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Scott Stearsman, Executive Vice President, SunTrust Bank

Matt Turner, Manager, Corporate Responsibility - Sustainable Communities, IHG

In addition, the Council elected Helen Parker, former Regional Administrator for the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, as Co-Chairperson of the Council, and named Scott Stearsman to the newly created role as Treasurer. Atlanta CareerRise thanks its investors, stakeholders and volunteers who share their time and talents in this important role.

ACR Launches CareerRise Phase Two

Atlanta CareerRise completed its sustainability plan for 2017-2020 supported by the National Fund for Workforce Solutions through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation. Working with a team of external consultants, CareerRise convened industry partnership stakeholders, local workforce development agencies, and two dozen civic, government, nonprofit, and employer leaders to chart the next phase of its work. CareerRise has already embarked on the implementation process for the primary objectives of Supporting Sector Partnerships, Building Capacity through Leadership and Technical Assistance, and Promoting Awareness and Best Practices.

Coming April 21st: United Way C3 Conference and Breakfast of Champions

Register now for the C3 Conference—an interactive experience where community champions from business, nonprofit

and government sectors connect to turn ideas into action, featuring Soledad O'Brien, award-winning journalist and

former CNN anchor; Mike Donnelly, annual campaign chair and regional president, Atlanta Wells Fargo; and Dr.

Gregory Ellison, founder of Fearless Dialogues.



Atlanta CareerRise increases regional prosperity by creating and strengthening partnerships and systems that meet employer needs for skilled talent and connect metro Atlanta residents to sustainable wage careers.

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