

PROFILING:

Who's Who in Business Services



Back row left to right:
Renee Parker, Sal Adamski,
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Keith Muskrat,
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A "Dream Team" armed with Solutions for your Business

Want a cost effective way to grow your workforce, but think you don't have the resources? Wish someone would walk you through programs and services that are available to you at NO COST? Well this is where the Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County Business Services "Dream Team" comes in.

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is the local workforce board, helping employers meet their workforce or business needs and area residents build careers, so that both can better compete in the changing worldwide economy. "Simply put, we match people looking for jobs with companies looking for people. We do all we can in our commitment to Keep Tarrant County Working," said Judy McDonald, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County.

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is responsible for overseeing nearly \$60 million in employment and training dollars to benefit businesses and citizens in Tarrant County. These dollars are funded by state and federal tax-dollars that are redirected back into the region. While working with these funds Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is always mindful that they must be prudent stewards of the taxpayer funds entrusted to them. Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County:

- Partners with county businesses, educational institutions, civic organizations and community leaders to find solutions to current and future labor needs of industries that are vital to the region and its economy.
- Operates multiple community-based adult and youth Workforce Centers to help residents get a job, keep a job, or get a better job – offering placement, career counseling, and financial aid services.
- Has a 29 member Workforce Development Board (WDB), chaired by Leslie Sisk with Lhoist North America, Inc. and Vice-Chaired by Victor "Buddy" Puente, Jr. owner of Southwest Office Systems, Inc. The WDB is made up of business and community leaders who work in partnership with the Workforce Governing Board (WGB), which is composed of the Mayor of Fort Worth – Mike Moncrief, the Mayor of Arlington – Robert Cluck, and Tarrant County Judge – Glen Whitley (Chair), to oversee Workforce services in Tarrant County.
- Is part of the statewide Texas Workforce Solutions network, partnering with the Texas Workforce Commission and other workforce boards in the largest job-matching database in the state – www.workintexas.com.

The Workforce Improvement Committee, Chaired by Keith Muskrat of T.S. Byrne Management Inc. oversees the activities of the Business Services division. This committee makes it their number one goal that each member of the "Dream Team" has all the tools necessary to help bring new businesses into Tarrant County and to help existing businesses grow and prosper.

"Our Business Services Division provides personalized service to help employers find qualified applicants for their jobs, build the skills and expertise of their new and current employees, and address human resource needs", said Sal Adamski, Workforce Improvement Director for Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County.

Adamski went on to say, "Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County has a variety of programs and services to assist local employers. Working with the Business Services team can unlock many opportunities and cost effective solutions for your business. Having someone on your side that is there to make your business better and your employees happier -- all at no cost to you -- is why we call this group our 'Dream Team'."

Our Texas Back to Work Program gives employers a wonderful opportunity to help put Texans Back to Work. Employers could be eligible to receive incentives for employing out-of-work Texans. Amber Gosser who oversees this program for Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County explained that by hiring from a highly qualified pool of workers, who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, you have the ability to select pre-screened, qualified individuals. The retention bonus incentive payments allow you to save labor costs, while training employees to meet your individual business needs.

Renee Parker who oversees the Adult Internship program added that "Our Adult Internship Program gives businesses the opportunity to train adult interns for up to eight weeks while Workforce Solutions covers the cost of wages, fringe benefits and workers compensation insurance. I think this program is going to give businesses the help they need but cannot afford in these trying economic times. It will also help our pool of unemployed customers gain critical skills that could lead to better employment in the future. This is really a win win for all!"

To get your own "Dream Team" member, who will walk you through all the programs and services available to your company, please call 817.413.4400 or visit us on the web at www.workforcesolutions.net.