

# Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 2009-2010** 

## **Community Workforce Solutions**

#### **Our Leadership**

#### **Board of Directors**

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Gateway Clubhouse
Opening in December 2010
1805 Garner Station Blvd.
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#### **OUR MISSION**

Community Workforce Solutions is dedicated to supporting persons with disabilities or other barriers to employment as each individual strives to achieve the employment and community integration goals of their choice.

#### **OUR VISION**

Community Workforce Solutions is committed to promoting an environment in which individual choice, self-sufficiency, and a true sense of belonging are hallmark. We are dedicated to supporting each individual in removing barriers to employment and community and fostering independence for a lifetime. We aspire to build partnerships and maintain sound financial management, enabling us to be the choice of the people and the communities we support.

#### **Assessment of 2009-2010**

Our 2009-2010 year was one of both continued frustration over funding cuts, yet also one that offered opportunity. Like most non-profit agencies, some belt-tightening was the norm, but our focus was to assure quality to the people we support, our employers, funding sources and business partners despite external turmoil and uncertainty. Our job placement programs saw 134 people stabilized in jobs and very positive results from satisfaction surveys from both the people in these jobs and their employers. We congratulate these hard working folks for finding jobs in this tough economy.

#### Major Accomplishments in 2009-2010

- Received a grant allowing us to begin the process of ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 13485:2003 certification
- "Artful Pathways," a creative arts program in Community Pathways, was launched
- Started an herb and vegetable garden funded solely through donations and volunteers
- Moved Thrift Store to Henderson main site to reduce costs and increase training opportunities
- Partnered with Wake County LME and the NC Division of DD/MH/SA to create a program for individuals with a brain injury

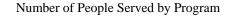
#### Coming in 2010-2011

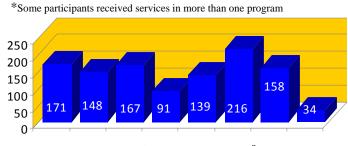
- Gateway Clubhouse, a program for individuals with a brain injury, opens in December 2010
- We will be launching an online store where handmade cards can be purchased
- Creating a Community Based Training partnership in Durham
- Opening a grant-funded Commercial Laundry Enterprise
- Kicking off efforts to make our building energy efficient
- Unique items and great deals to be offered in our Thrift Store
- Providing additional group services to individuals with mental illnesses

# **Facts & Figures**

Total Individuals Served: 916 Raleigh - 535 Henderson - 290 Work Passages - 91

Total Referrals Received: 619 Raleigh - 345 Durham - 87 Work Passages - 107 Henderson - 80





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#### 2009-2010 Services Successful Outcomes

We assisted **134** participants in achieving successful employment outcomes.

These individuals were hired into positions such as:
Food Service Associate
Stocker
Dishwasher
Utility Worker
Dining Room Attendant
Housekeeper
Customer Service Associate
Office Assistant
Daycare Worker

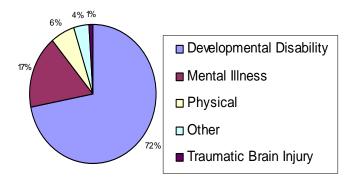
Some of the business categories that hired participants include:

Grocers
Restaurants
Medical Facilities
Department Stores
Assisted Living Communities
Manufacturers
Packaging Companies

### **About the People We Serve**

- 58% of participants have a secondary disability in addition to their primary diagnosis
- 96% of individuals fall within the Federal classifications of "Significantly Disabled" or "Most Significantly Disabled"

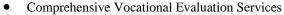
#### **Primary Disability Category of Persons Served**



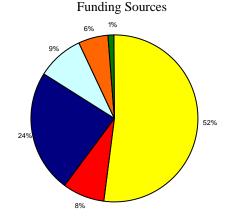
#### Thank you!

Without our many partners, we would never achieve such success in supporting individuals as they strive to reach their vocational goals. We wish to acknowledge our funding and referral sources, our business partners, the families of the individuals we serve, our Board of Directors, and volunteers. Most of all, we wish to acknowledge the strength and dedication of the people we support and who make us want to become better with each passing year.

# We are proud to offer the following CARF-accredited programs:



- Organizational Employment Services (Agency based services)
- Employee Development Services (Work Adjustment/Work Adjustment Job Coaching)
- Community Employment Services (Supported Employment and Placement/Job Coaching Services)
- Personal and Social Services (Community Transition Services/ADVP)



- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Wake County Human Services
- Five County Mental Health Assoc.
- Work First Wake County
- M edicaid
- Other

