



## Accomplishments

- 2014: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with \$30,000 at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for the Performance Incentive Award for Choices Employment. These awards recognize boards that display increased accountability and improved efficiencies.
- 2013: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with \$15,000 at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for the Service to Community Award in recognition of our collaboration with the City of Fort Worth Library and the Housing Authority.
- 2013: GE Transportation of Fort Worth was selected as one of the Top Five Finalists for the Texas Solutions Employer of the Year by The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas submitted a joint nomination for the award.
- 2012: Mouser Electronics, Inc of Mansfield was selected as one of the Top Five Finalists for the Texas Workforce Solutions Employer of the Year by The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County submitted the selected nomination for the award.
- 2012: The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) announced the recipient of its annual Community Economic Development Awards (CEDA) for 2012.

The CEDA program recognizes exceptional contributions of TEDC member cities toward the economic vitality of their communities and the state of Texas through creativity, leadership and partnership in the achievement of business retention, business recruitment and community improvement.

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce won for attracting GE Manufacturing Solutions to the City of Fort Worth. The Chamber recognized Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County as one of the partners who helped make the collaboration possible.

- 2011: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with \$25,000 at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for the Service to Community Award for organizing the Fatherhood Coalition of Tarrant County to highlight the important role of fathers in the positive development and well-being of children.
- 2011: Awarded with H1B Technical Skills Training Grant from the Department of Labor (DOL). This four (4) year grant will provide education, training and job placement assistance related to high-growth occupations and industries for specialized Engineers.

- 2011: Awarded with the Responsible Fatherhood Grant. Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance (OFA) announced Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County as one of 120 award grantees. Our project is called FACT (Fathers And Children Together). The grant award will help fathers and families build strong relationships to support the well-being of their children.
- 2011: Awarded the 2011 Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration Grant from the Department of Labor (DOL). Only seven grants were awarded. The grant was awarded to help individuals with significant barriers to employment – specifically, low-income, non-custodial parents and ex-offenders – obtain the skills they need in the workforce. Our submission on Next STEP (Subsidized Transitional Employment Project) was awarded.
- 2011: Awarded part of grant funds awarded to Cornerstone Assistance Network from the Department of Labor to provide employment services to ex-offenders. They are calling the program REXO which stands for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. As a partner in the grant Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County will provide job placement services.
- 2011: National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) presented the 2011 H.G. Weisman Award to Sal Adamski. H.G. Weisman Award, named after the organization's founding member, is granted at the discretion of the NAWDP Board Chair. It celebrates an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of workforce development and has provided exemplary service to NAWDP.
- 2011: The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) selected Tarrant County as the winner of the 2011 Workforce Excellence Award – Regional Category. This award was submitted by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County on behalf of the Workforce Development and Workforce Governing Board. Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was recognized for the Project Workforce Innovative Solutions to Homelessness (WISH) and Project Subsidized Transitional Employment Program (STEP).
- 2010: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with \$100,000 at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for being the most improved in Child Care Administration.
- 2010: The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) selected the Tarrant County CNC Machinist Consortium as a co-winner of the 2010 Workforce Excellence Award – Regional Category. This award was submitted by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County on behalf of the consortium.
- 2009: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was award with \$50,000 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for the Service to Workers Award in recognition of the Premier Rapid Response Team.
- 2009: The Project WISH (Workforce Innovative Solutions to Homelessness) Employer Consortium received the Texas Transitional Workforce Award at the Texas Workforce Commission's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

- 2009: Andre Johnson, Special Projects Manager for the Project WISH Program (Homeless Initiative) was honored with the Jodi Spiegel Enhancement of Customer Service Award at the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) National Conference
- 2008: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County nominated Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth for Employer of the Year at the Annual TWC Conference. Plaza Medical took home the award that year.
- 2008: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded the Theodore E. Small Workforce Partnership Award by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB).
- 2007: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$50,000 for services to workers award in recognition of partnered with United Way Northeast, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and a group of concerned citizens representing the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford to create a transportation service for residents in these towns without access to a mass transit systems.
- 2007: Workforce Solutions For Tarrant County awarded a \$1 million dollar grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to further the work of the Aerospace Cluster.
- 2007: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County selected to present the “Gotta Jet?” program at the NAWB Innovations Forum in Washington D.C.
- 2006: Workforce Improvement Director Sal Adamski has served as the Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) for two terms. NAWDP was founded to provide professional development and representation to the individuals who work in the workforce development field, with a special emphasis on front-line staff. NAWDP now has over 4,500 members across the United States.
- 2006: TWC Statewide Conference – John Peter Smith Hospital in partnership with Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County, Inc., a WSTC subcontractor receives the Service to Transitional Workers statewide award.
- 2006: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$50,000 for services to workers award in recognition of innovative fatherhood initiatives in collaboration with other community organizations.
- 2005: Sal Adamski, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County’s Business Development Unit Director, was elected as the NAWDP (National Association of Workforce Development Professionals) organization’s president.
- 2005: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County received the ADDY Award from the American Advertising Federation.
- 2004: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$100,000 for best overall performance of a large board area & \$50,000 for outstanding service to business.
- 2004: The Department of Labor awarded Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with

the DOL Regional Administrator's Special Recognition Award in recognition of goals accomplished as a recipient of a USDOL Work Incentive Grant.

- 2004: The Career Steps Program of Family Pathfinders, a Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County sub-contractor, won the Texas Economic Development Council's Best Practices Award. *(Submitted by Kay Gollihugh)*
- 2004: Lisa Witkowski, Board Staff, received the 2003 Rosie Mauk Award presented by the Camp Fire Council. This award recognizes significant contributions to the improvement of child care or conditions, which affect children.
- 2003-2004: 1 of 14 sites selected for the Workforce Innovation Network's (WIN's) National Demonstration Project. The focus of the project is to provide a replicable, sustainable model for an employer led, integrated workforce development system. The primary component of the project is the Center for Workforce Preparedness, which opened in April 2004 on the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) Campus.
- 2003: 1<sup>st</sup> workforce area to partner with the Attorney General for Child Support Enforcement under the Fatherhood Initiatives integrated with the Food Stamp Employment & Training (FSE&T) Program and Project RIO.
- 2003: Made great strides and developed models for working with people with disabilities.
- 2003: Leader in Charitable Choice Initiatives as reported to the State of Texas.
- 2003: *The Community of Leaders - CEO/Principal Partnership* won the "Workforce Best Practices Merit Recognition Award" from Texas Economic Development Council April 24, 2003. The project was a joint effort between Work Advantage Board and Education Service Center - Region XI. *(Submitted by Judy Bell)*
- 2002: The Dallas Workforce Board awarded Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with the Worksource Partner Award.
- 2002: Paul Cobb, Disability Coordinator with the Board staff, was named as one of the co-chairs for the Texas Disability Steering Committee by the National Institute for Literacy.
- 2002: National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) presented to Jill Navarette, Senior Director of Board Operations, with the System Building Award.
- 2001: Received the Business Results Award for the Alliance Opportunity Center, presented by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- 2001: Received the Leadership Award presented by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- 2001: Both the Board and Former Chair, Steve Palko, were recognized by the State

House of Representatives for exemplary leadership in the workforce development arena.

- 2000: Tarrant County Family Pathfinders gave Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County an award acknowledging our outstanding volunteers and participation in the program.
- 2000: National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) awarded a joint Theodore E. Small award to Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, Northcentral and Dallas Workforce Board for their joint work on the DFW Work Coalition.
- 2000: Received the Workforce Award of Excellence for the Alliance Opportunity Center, presented by the National Association of Counties (NACO).
- 2000: Received the Workforce Board of the Year Award, presented by the National Alliance of Business (NAB).
- 2000: Steve Palko, Former Board Chair, received the Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by the National Alliance of Business (NAB).
- 1999: Recognized by Goodwill Industries as a Community Partner.
- 1998: Board is awarded a second round \$3.2 million dollar Welfare to Work discretionary grant (Submitted by Jann Miles)
- Received the High Performance Award presented by the Texas Workforce Commission
- Recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission as the Workforce Center with Best Performance for Persons with Disabilities.