



**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

of the Coastal Bend

Employment • Training • Child Care • Youth • Business Services • Veterans

# QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL - JUNE 2019



**Q3**

WORKFORCE  
**IMPACT**

COASTAL BEND REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**JULY 2019** | 4.6%

DECREASE FROM

**JULY 2018** | -0.6%

# COASTAL BEND WORKFORCE BY THE NUMBERS

## Employer Services

Employers  
Served



1,821

Services Provided  
to Employers



3,085

Quarterly Regional  
Job Openings



8,265

New Employer Accounts  
on WorkInTexas.com



148

## Job Seekers

10,348



Job Seekers  
Served

4,726



Unemployment Insurance  
Claimants Served

1,041



Veteran Priority  
Services

703



Persons with  
Disabilities Served

359



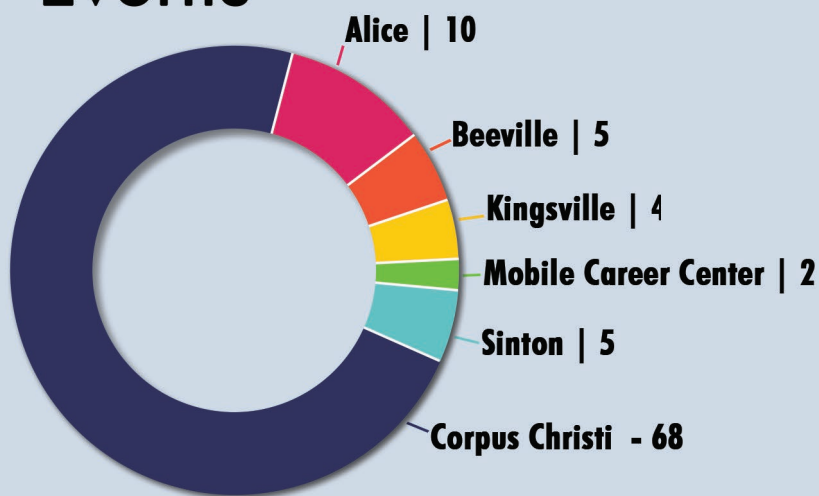
Hired Through  
WorkInTexas.com

\$372,898.08



Financial Assistance  
for Training

## Hiring Events



**YOU** Youth  
Opportunities  
Unlimited

New YOU!  
Enrollments

89

Number of  
Youth  
Served  
Through  
Workforce  
Innovation &  
Opportunity  
(WIOA)

223

FAMILIES  
SERVED  
6,320

CHILDREN THAT ATTENDED A STATE  
LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER

10,231





## HOME PROVIDERS ELEVATE THEIR SKILLS

To Guide the Children in their Care from **CRAYONS** to CAREERS®

# Home Providers Symposium

8 Hours Training  
41 Home Care Providers

The Early Childhood Development Quality Services Program hosted the **3rd Annual Home Providers Symposium** on June 15, 2019. **41** home providers participated in this daylong event.

They listened to two dynamic early childhood education trainers who educated them on the “*Early Learning Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers, and Three-Year Olds*” and “*Minimum Standards Update*”.



**119**

Total  
Registered  
Providers

## April - June 2019 | Child Care Services

### PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN LICENSED CARE

**96.74%**

Licensed  
Centers

**100 FACILITIES**  
Licensed Facilities

**16.44%**

Texas Rising Star  
(TRS) Licensed  
Centers

**24 FACILITIES**  
Texas Rising Star  
Licensed Centers  
& Homes

**2.71%**

Licensed  
Homes

**16 FACILITIES**  
Licensed Homes

**0.55%**

Registered  
Homes

**3 FACILITIES**  
Registered Homes



# Coastal Bend Youth Prepare For The Future



## Gregory-Portland I.S.D. JET Grant Presentation

*April 25, 2019*

**\$251,828 JET  
Grant Awarded**

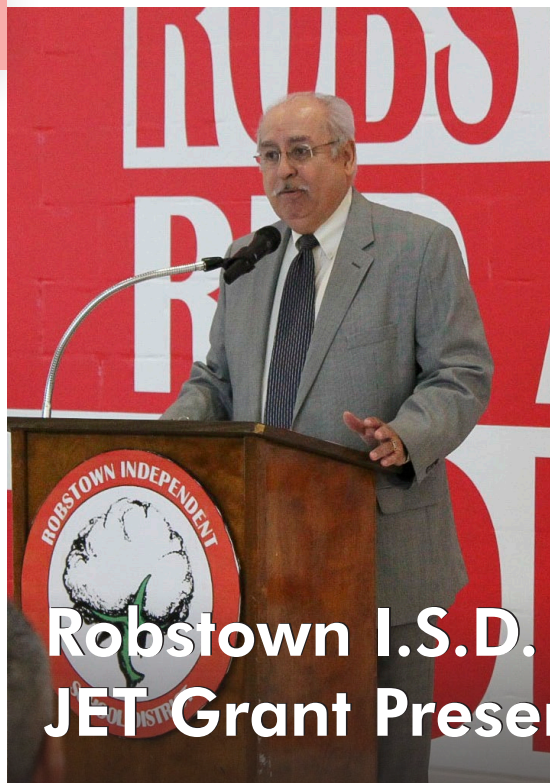
The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded Gregory-Portland Independent School District (ISD) a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant to support the Health and Science Syndaver Program.

Students now have the opportunity to experience hands-on learning with these innovative syndavers that feel like and resemble humans. Former TWC Chair Ruth R. Hughs got a first hand look (and feel) of the syndavers with the guidance of one of the students in the program.

**\$188,328 JET  
Grant Awarded**

The JET Grant that was presented to Robstown I.S.D. will provide 50 students with training in the occupation of Chemical Plant and Systems Operator, also known as a Process Technician.

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) Board Chair, Victor M. Gonzalez, Jr. spoke on the importance of supporting education and how training 50 new Process Technicians will pump roughly \$3.5 million dollars annually back into the greater Robstown and Coastal Bend regional economy.



## Robstown I.S.D. JET Grant Presentation



*June 12, 2019*





## San Diego High School Career Signing Day

May 3, 2019

## 7 High School Graduates Committed to the Workforce

Seniors from San Diego High School took part in the *College and Career Signing Day* by signing *Letters of Intent* with regional and statewide colleges, universities, and WFSCB. This was a special event for students who chose to enter the workforce with support from WFSCB.

WFSCB congratulated students and presented them with YOU appreciation gift bags filled with resources to help them in their career pathway.

## 90 High School Graduates Joining the Workforce

Craft Training Center (CTC) High School Students from across the Coastal Bend region signed *Letters of Intent* certificates to enter the workforce in key industries after graduation. Some of the industries included Petroleum Chemical, Industrial Construction and Manufacturing.

This was the first Career Signing Day for the CTC presented by the TWC and WFSCB. Board Chair Victor M. Gonzalez, Jr., presented the certificates and YOU gift bags to the students.



## Craft Training Center Career Signing Day

May 9, 2019



## Summer Youth Job Fair



May 22, 2019

## 326 Job Seekers 38 Employers Attended

La Palmera Mall was filled with young adults for the annual Summer Youth Job Fair.

Over 300 participants showed up dressed for success and ready to apply with employers such as Schlitterbahn Waterpark, Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation, Texas State Aquarium, J.C. Penney's and many more. Employers stayed busy reviewing applications, interviewing young job seekers and even making on the spot job offers.



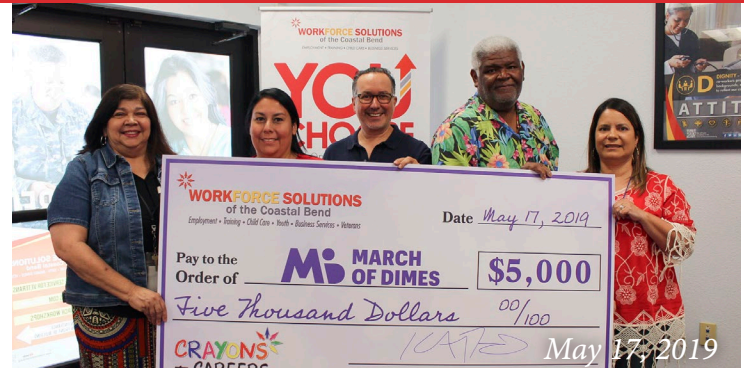
# WFSCB STAFF MARCH FOR BABIES

In Support Of Healthy Moms & Babies In The Coastal Bend



The culmination of WFSCB employee-driven fundraising events led right up to the March for Babies Walk on Saturday, April 6, 2019 with over 60 participants including staff, family and friends who showed up to support the March of Dimes, March for Babies Walk.

Over the last several months, 100+ employees participated in some form or fashion, in many creative fundraisers designed to raise awareness and money for the 2019 March for Babies Campaign. From chicken



spaghetti luncheons to silent auctions - their enthusiasm in supporting the concept of “Crayons to Careers” grew even stronger and motivated the team to come up with even more creative fundraisers to support the cause.

A \$5,000 oversized check was presented to the March of Dimes during an Employee Recognition Presentation at the Staples Career Center where staff were acknowledged and treated to cake and punch for all their efforts and dedication to this year's walk.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK (QAN)

Found Their Way To The Texas Coast



For the first time in many years, WFSCB hosted the Quality Assurance Network's (QAN) semi-annual event at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. QAN representatives from around the state gathered in Corpus Christi to share best practices and to discuss the latest issues facing today's workforce. The Texas Workforce Commission provided expert training and fielded questions about upcoming workforce innovations. Once again, QAN participants were eager to come to the coast.



# TEXAS BUSINESS CONFERENCE

## Sheds Light On Employment Law



*April 25 - 26, 2019*

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) presented a Texas Business Conference for small business owners, human resource managers and assistants, payroll managers, and anyone responsible for the hiring and managing of employees.

WFSCB Board Chair Victor M. Gonzalez, Jr. introduced Former TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers, Ruth R. Hughs who hosted this event for employers in the Coastal Bend region.

Over 300 businesses attended this two-day conference where they learned about Texas employment law and the basics of hiring; federal and Texas wage and hour laws; the unemployment claim and appeal process; independent contractors; and employee policy handbooks.

# WFSCB FAMILIES COME TO WORK ON SATURDAY

## To Get A Front-Row View Of The Annual Buc Days Parade



*May 4, 2019*

The Staples Career Center parking lot set the stage for the WFSCB tailgate party of the year! For the first time ever, the annual Illuminated Buccaneer Parade passed right by the Staples Career Center providing an opportunity for staff and their families to get a front-row seat at one of the last illuminated night parades in the country.

Staff arrived in the early afternoon and tailgated along the parade route, enjoying food, fun and refreshments. WFSCB's Mobile Career Center made its debut in the annual parade route placing the "Workforce Center on Wheels" in front of an estimated 120,000 attendees lining the streets. Plans are underway to make next year's tailgate party bigger and better.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Where Jobs Find You

WorkInTexas.com is a virtual recruiter and job matching site with tools to help you break through as a candidate.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 | 9AM-1PM  
AMERICAN BANK CENTER

YOU CHOOSE! CAREER EXPO

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 | 9AM-1PM

READY FOR COLLEGE & CAREER DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 | 8:30AM-3PM

# HIRING RED, WHITE & YOU!

★ A Statewide Hiring Event ★

Join us at the Biggest Hiring Event of the year for Veterans! Veterans and their Spouses are invited to connect with Employers from a variety of Industries.



## Open to Veterans & The General Public



Thursday, November 7, 2019

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Veterans Priority Entrance

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