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WORKFORCE MATTERS

Wake County Update—July 2017

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REDUCING VULNERABILITY

Vulnerable communities are filled with adults and young people who could start a business, fill an unmet demand for workers, and add to the cumulative effect of increased employment and personal incomes in Wake County. This requires helping them to find work that is

meaningful, that will support them for the long-term, and allow for course corrections along the way.

Capital Area Workforce Development is integrating multiple special projects into our everyday work to help give these communities a chance to compete for higher-skill jobs. Most encourage them towards occupations that employers find difficult to fill and are therefore considered in-demand, and many are within industries that are slated for high-growth over the next five to eight years.

Labor Market Snapshot

3.7% Unemployment as of May 2017

21,041 were unemployed

The last time unemployment was this low **July 2000**

The Raleigh metro has **15,700**

.01 Increase in unemployment over the previous month

more jobs than the same time last year

4 Projects Underway

Target: Offenders and Youth in Wake County. All provide participants a life plan and resources to keep them on the path towards self-sustainability.

* TRAINING TO WORK

takes inmates in work-release programs through a series of offerings to help with life skills, personal improvement, and that prepare them for long-term success in the work world.

* WAKE DETENTION CENTER EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION INITIATIVE

will provide more seamless workforce and support services for inmates serving short sentences. There will be more effective coordination between service providers, including NCWorks Career Centers, so that multiple needs can be addressed before and after release.



* TECHHIRE LAUNCHED

"I.T. Beginnings" will introduce 18-24 year olds from Wake County to IT careers. Residents of east and southeast Raleigh who are unemployed, under-employed and low income have priority. An industry recognized credential combined with other skill building activities will give them a head start in a solid career.

* YOUTHBUILD

will provide construction training and paid work experience to youth and young adults with limited or no work experience who live in east and southeast Raleigh. We expect the grant award to be announced in the coming days.

The Family Table Partnering to help vulnerable families address the root causes of food insecurity and economic instability.

CAWD recently joined Alliance Medical Ministry, Child Care Services Association, Dress for Success, and Step-Up Ministry in their efforts to provide a "corridor of care" that puts food insecure families in Wake County on a path towards greater economic stability.

The project aims to produce sustained outcomes for:

- ◇ Better health
- ◇ Education success
- ◇ Stable employment, and
- ◇ Financial stability

Breaking the generational cycle of economic instability by reducing barriers to services, healthcare, employment and childcare are critical.

We will offer job training as well as soft skills and life skills training, all of which are paramount to helping families secure and build financial resources.

