

Career Central Locations



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Portraits of Success

*Professional
Placement
Network*



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PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT NETWORK

The Professional Placement Network (PPN) is a Pasco Hernando Workforce Board program designed to transition the professional jobseeker back into the workforce or to a meaningful career change. Its goal is to do so in a manner that satisfies each individual's goals for gainful and satisfying employment.

Professionals must have a 4 year degree or a minimum of 5 years of managerial experience and/or a salary of \$35,000 per year or more.

Weekly meetings are held throughout Pasco and Hernando Counties at various locations. PPN provides access to computers with word processing; resume writing and other software programs useful to the professional customer.

HARLAND HENRY



RECRUITER

Harland received a position as a Recruiter in which he was referred to by the PPN program. Although it was out of his expertise and experience he accepted on the basis of experiencing another career which he states may be the perfect opportunity to diversify his skills. Harland has a Master's Degree in Business and has taken advantage of the many opportunities brought forth by the PPN program. He has attended Business networking, employer presentations, one on one counseling, and job fairs. He grants his success to the continued encouragement, referrals, and support he received from PPN.

LINDA SKAJA



STAFFING AND COMPLIANCE TEACHER

Linda began attending PPN meetings March of 2010. She has a Masters Degree in Education with over 30 years in the field. She attended meetings with a variety of topics which enabled her to identify the many skills she had to offer potential employers. She was able to build her network and was hired for Pasco County School Board as a Staffing and Compliance Teacher earning \$55,000 per year. She thanks the support of the program which she feels was invaluable in helping her find a new career placement.

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Services provided each week include guest speakers, workshops for networking opportunities, resume critique, job leads, assessment and referral services, access to local state and federal job listings from across the nation.

Professional Job Seekers will learn from networking, workshops and skills development sessions; contribute their experience in volunteer and project opportunities; build structure and motivation to job search activities through meetings, ongoing member support and expert speakers on employment related topics with exposure to area employers with current and potential career opportunities.

TRACY REID-ROWE



PPN COORDINATOR

Tracy was hired in 2007 as the Professional Placement Coordinator. She is responsible for setting up the meetings bringing in the presenters and assisting the customers in obtaining employment. Over the last year she has had more than 650 professionals attend the various meetings and placed at least one professional per week. Tracy unselfishly makes herself available for references, refers clients to other professional resources, provides consultation and enthusiastically continues to seek out new tools, techniques and resources for the professionals seeking re-employment.

GARY GREENWELL



PROJECT MANAGER

Gary has a Bachelors degree in Electronics Technology and is an IT Consultant. He began attending PPN meetings and Job Fairs in 2009. He was advised by Presenters and Coordinators to register in every possible placement agency in his field. He was hired in February as a Help Desk Support Representative earning \$28,000 a year but continued to attend his regular PPN meetings where the importance of getting his name out there was emphasized. Mr. Greenwell was referred in April to A.J. O'Neal for a Project Manager position. He was hired in May earning \$36.33 per hour.