



Refining Workforce Development

Announcing Three New Initiatives

ECONOMIC MOBILITY is the defining issue of our time. In fact, 55% of workers in the Bay Area have jobs that don't meet their basic needs. So, as we enter the new year, we are doubling down on our commitment to helping individuals in our community not just find jobs but build sustainable careers that empower them and their families for years to come.

I am happy to announce that JobTrain is piloting several groundbreaking initiatives that will pave the way for people in our area to achieve long-term economic independence.

Mobility Mentoring Program

This innovative coaching model provides tailored guidance to individuals beyond their first year of employment. By focusing on long-term career advancement, this program aims to help participants achieve economic independence, including stable housing, family-sustaining wages, and access to health care and savings.

“We stand at the center of helping the economy thrive by creating the workforce of the future and ensuring workers can thrive economically.”

Partner Ecosystem Framework

Recognizing the need for holistic support, we are building a network of organizations to seamlessly provide clients with services beyond JobTrain's scope, such as financial literacy, childcare, and mental health resources.

Impact Employer Model

We're redefining relationships with employers to create opportunities where employees can thrive and advance. Companies become allies in their employees' growth journey as part of our partner ecosystem, in which our clients can access a range of services to support their success.

These initiatives represent JobTrain's strategic evolution in workforce development, ensuring that our community members are equipped for upward mobility over a lifetime. Join us!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barrie Hathaway".

Barrie Hathaway
President & CEO



Medical Assistant Program Graduates Celebrate Success at Pinning Ceremony

THE GRADUATES of JobTrain's flagship Medical Assistant Training Program celebrated a major milestone with a heartwarming pinning ceremony in Menlo Park. This event marked the completion of the program for 19 students who are excited to advance their careers.

With four classes running each year, the Medical Assistant Training Program is one of JobTrain's most popular. Students gain hands-on training in medical terminology, billing and coding, taking vital signs, administering injections, performing venipunctures and ECGs, and mastering dose calculations. Graduates

earn a CPR certification and a JobTrain Certificate of Achievement, preparing them for careers in medical offices, wellness centers, and other healthcare facilities.

The pinning ceremony is a prelude to the larger graduation in May. The room was energized when an instructor shared a text from a former student who had just been hired at Kaiser Permanente.

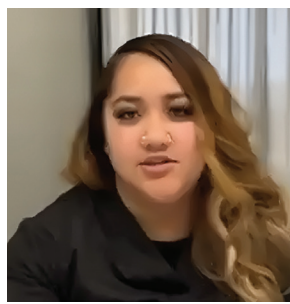
"Moments like that make it real for the students," said Siosuia "C2" Veal, JobTrain Communications and Engagement Manager. "It's proof that their hard work opens doors to incredible opportunities."★

What Our Graduates Say



"I chose JobTrain because my boyfriend took a course and landed a stable job at Ravenswood Clinic. It helped us a lot when I was pregnant, and I thought this course would be perfect for taking a step forward in my nursing career."

— Perla



"I came to JobTrain because I already had some experience in the medical field and wanted to get my foot in the door with something that pays well."

— Falesiu



"I was stuck and unsure about my future, but I knew I wanted a career in healthcare. JobTrain's free classes gave me the direction and opportunity I needed to move forward."

— Fuipa

Leave a Legacy of Opportunity

Make a lasting impact by including JobTrain in your will. To learn more, contact Katherine Finnigan at kfinnigan@jobtrainworks.org or 650-330-6521.

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Adriana Pedrazas Journey from Uncertainty to Triumph



Paul M. Cook Alumni Awardee 2024

"I REMEMBER WALKING into JobTrain... not knowing where I was going or what I was doing."

Adriana Pedrazas' journey is one of resilience, transformation, and the power of opportunity. "My first job was at Target—red shirt, khaki pants, working a 9 to 5. That first paycheck was special, man. I went home like, 'Mom, everything's on me today!'"

But life took an unexpected turn. "I found out I was pregnant. I wasn't where I wanted to be. I told my mom, 'I know I just dropped a bomb on you, but it's not over. I promise you, I'm gonna make it. This kid's gonna have a really good life.'"

She walked into JobTrain with hope. "I saw carpentry students using tools, culinary students chopping ingredients... but medical assisting called to me." With support from her instructor, Geetika Pattjoshi, she gained skills, confidence, and an externship at Stanford Health Care.

Her hard work paid off. "When word got back to Stanford, I got a call: 'Hey, we just posted a job for you. Go apply.'"

She advanced quickly, moving from medical assisting to surgery scheduling, and now serves as an Interventional Platform Scheduler II.

Today, she's thriving. She owns a home, supports her family, and gives back by mentoring others. "This life feels pretty sweet."

Honored with JobTrain's Paul M. Cook Alumni Award, Adriana now mentors others, proving that opportunity—combined with determination—can change everything. ★

"Had it not been for JobTrain, I don't know where I would be. I could have easily gotten stuck in a dead-end job."

JobTrain Partners with Stanford Health Care



THE JOBTRAIN EXTERNSHIP partnership began with an inquiry by a member of Stanford Health Care while touring JobTrain's training facility in 2015. Meetings quickly followed where staff from both organizations planned for JobTrain's Medical Assistant graduates to participate in a 4-week externship at a designated Stanford Health Care medical facility. The first JobTrain Medical Assistant cohort to be placed at Stanford Health Care was the class that completed in June 2016. Adriana was part of the second cohort. Since its inception, 17 cohorts of medical assistant trainees have been placed at Stanford Health Care. ★



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