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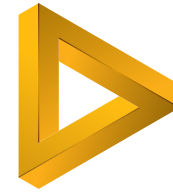
Our goals drive us to provide ongoing opportunities for individual self-sufficiency, to increase capacity for academic and skills training, and to strengthen partnerships with businesses and industry.

OUR MISSION

Equip Southeast Texas with the skills and knowledge that meet the needs of employers to foster the region's economic growth.

OUR VISION

A world-class, competitive workforce for Southeast Texas.



PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY: SHAPING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE TODAY

Letter from the Board Chair and Executive Director

In 2024, we faced both challenge and transformation. Throughout the year, we were reminded of the unwavering resilience and determination that defines our region. At Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas (WSSET), we are steadfast in our mission to create pathways to prosperity for every individual and business we serve. That's why the theme of this year's annual report, *Pathways to Prosperity: Shaping Tomorrow's Workforce Today*, is so appropriate. It showcases our commitment to empowering our community with the tools and opportunities necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving economic landscape.

This year, we have witnessed significant shifts in our local economy, marked by both the challenges of plant closures and the excitement of new industry developments. In response, we have doubled down on our efforts to ensure that our workforce is not only prepared for the demands of today but is also equipped to seize the opportunities of tomorrow. Through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and a focus on skills development, we are building a workforce that is adaptable, skilled, and ready to meet the needs of the world.

Our achievements in 2024 would not have been possible without the collaborative spirit of our community partners, the dedication of our staff, and the trust of the individuals and businesses we serve. We are particularly proud of our apprenticeship and training programs, which have provided thousands of Southeast Texans with the chance to gain valuable skills and secure meaningful employment. These programs are the cornerstone of our efforts to bridge the gap between workforce needs and opportunities, ensuring that every individual has a pathway to success.

In 2024, we celebrated the largest Youth Career Expo in its decade-long history with over 3,200 students and 140 exhibitors in attendance. The third-annual Teacher Externship program took place in the summer with over 70 educators from across the region taking part in the experience. A new and innovative workforce center was opened in the City of Orange, ready for the residents to receive the assistance they need. Our Education Outreach program continued to make an impact in the lives of students in the classroom, especially with virtual reality career exploration simulations. We successfully filled all 130 spots in our second year of ApprenticeshipTexas Expansion grant funding. Finally, the partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation and the

Student HireAbility Navigator program allowed us to be a part of Lamar University's Summer STEM camp, which allowed disadvantaged students an opportunity to attend camp and explore careers for free.

Looking ahead, we are filled with optimism for what the future holds. We recognize that the journey to prosperity is not without its obstacles, but we are confident that, together, we can overcome them. By continuing to invest in our people, our businesses, and our communities, we are shaping a brighter tomorrow for Southeast Texas.

On behalf of the WSSET Board and our dedicated team, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to our mission this year. We are excited to continue this journey with you, and we are committed to building a future where every Southeast Texan can enjoy a life of prosperity.



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BOARD CHAIR



MARY HAMMON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

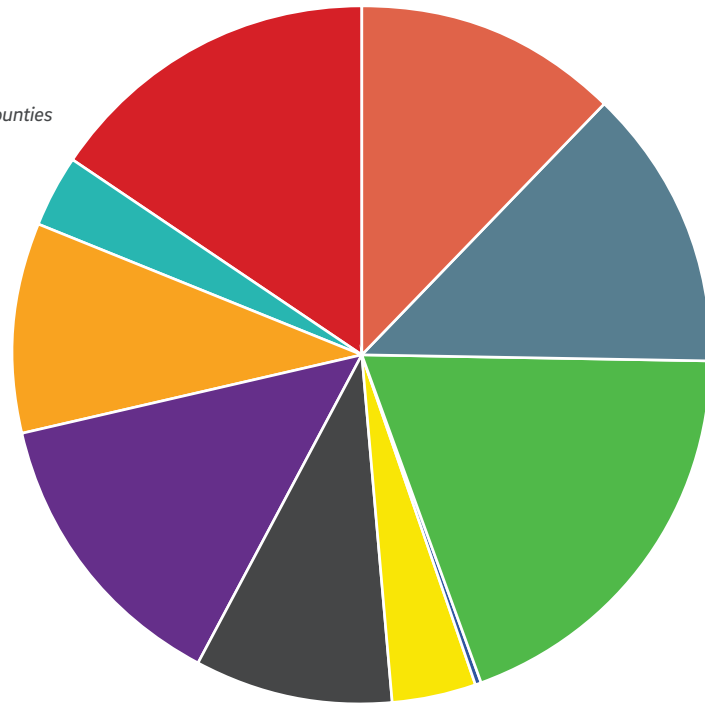
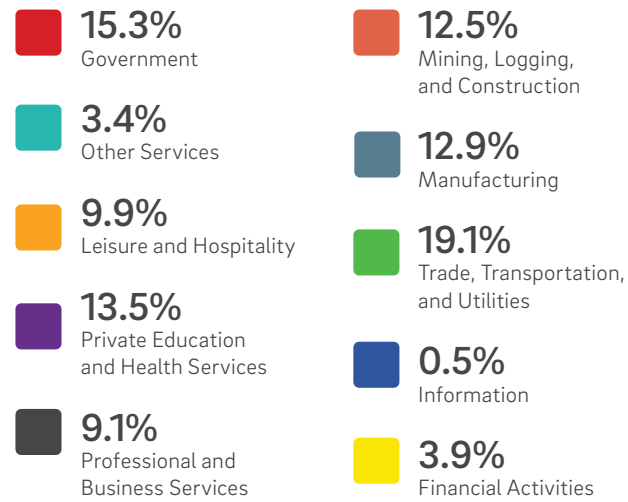
2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

WDA – Workforce Development Area: Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin Counties

WDA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.5	6.9	6.5	6.4	5.9	5.8	6	5.2
MSA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	6	6	6	6	6.1	5.6

2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS INDUSTRY COMPOSITION

Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA | Hardin, Jefferson, Newton, and Orange Counties



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Area	Area Type	DECEMBER 2024				DECEMBER 2023			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	15,591,398	15,012,362	579,036	3.7	15,090,824	14,564,917	525,907	3.5
Beaumont-Port Arthur	MSA	175,421	165,618	9,803	5.6	169,388	160,524	8,864	5.2
Southeast Texas	WDA	170,276	160,812	9,464	5.6	164,408	155,866	8,542	5.2
Hardin	County	26,251	25,097	1,154	4.4	25,412	24,325	1,087	4.3
Jefferson	County	107,224	100,754	6,470	6.0	103,428	97,655	5,773	5.6
Newton	County	5,145	4,806	339	6.6	4,980	4,658	322	6.5
Orange	County	36,801	34,961	1,840	5.0	35,568	33,886	1,682	4.7
Beaumont	City	51,365	48,589	2,776	5.4	49,470	47,095	2,375	4.8
Port Arthur	City	21,941	20,092	1,849	8.4	21,194	19,474	1,720	8.1

Sources: ¹Industry by North America Industry Classification System (NAICS), Texas Workforce Commission Labor Market data as of December 2024.
²Texas Workforce Commission Labor Market Information

2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS BY THE NUMBERS



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS FUNDING

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	\$5,104,419
Child Care Subsidy and Quality	\$22,737,087
Re-employment Services	\$470,146
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	\$1,983,901
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	\$376,084
Re-Entry Employment Opportunities (PROWD)	\$217,800
Skills Development Fund	\$192,356
Vocational Rehabilitation Collaboration	\$746,624
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$31,828,417



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | LARGE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

BAPTIST HOSPITALS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS



WSSET is proud to recognize Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas as the 2024 Large Employer of the Year. This award highlights the hospital's significant impact on the state, its workers, and the communities it serves. Known for its commitment to quality healthcare, Baptist Hospitals has created a supportive environment that fosters teamwork, respect, and trust, benefiting both patients and staff.

In collaboration with WSSET, Baptist Hospitals offers invaluable opportunities for job seekers and interns, helping to build a skilled workforce while enriching the community. Their dedication to education and community-focused programs exemplifies their commitment to improving the health and well-being of Southeast Texas.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | LOCAL EMPLOYER OF EXCELLENCE

BECHTEL ENERGY INC.

WSSET is pleased to award Bechtel Energy Inc. as the 2024 Local Employer of Excellence. Renowned for its expertise in engineering, construction, and project management, Bechtel has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and innovation, positioning itself as a leader in delivering impactful projects that exceed expectations.

In partnership with Sempra Infrastructure, Bechtel is currently leading the Port Arthur LNG project, which is already creating numerous job opportunities and stimulating economic growth in Southeast Texas. Through initiatives that connect communities to essential resources and tackle environmental challenges, Bechtel is committed to building a cleaner, greener, and safer world, leaving a lasting positive legacy.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | HIREABILITY EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

ICY DONUTS



WSSET is proud to name Icy Donuts as the 2024 HireAbility Employer of the Year, recognizing their commitment to fostering an inclusive workforce by hiring Texans with disabilities. Founded by Ryan and Jennifer Chang, Icy Donuts started as a mom-and-pop store in Spring, Texas, and expanded to Groves, Texas, in 2021. Known for their traditional Vietnamese coffee, Boba teas, and gourmet donuts, Icy Donuts quickly became a local favorite.

Beyond serving delightful treats, Icy Donuts is a champion of community support and workforce development. Through their partnership with the WSSET Summer Earn and Learn (SEAL) program, the Changs have created a welcoming work environment for individuals with disabilities. Jennifer Chang's passion for helping those with challenges has led to numerous success stories, including former SEAL participants who have thrived as part of the Icy Donuts team.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

SANSERVE JANITORIAL SERVICES

WSSET is pleased to recognize SanServe Janitorial Services as the 2024 Small Employer of the Year, honoring their significant contributions as a small private-sector employer with fewer than 500 employees. Established in 1963, SanServe has become a vital part of Southeast Texas, employing over 200 professionals and providing top-tier services to petrochemical plants, medical facilities, and commercial buildings across the region.

SanServe's growth and success have been closely tied to its longstanding partnership with WSSET. By collaborating on job postings and hiring events, SanServe has consistently demonstrated its commitment to workforce development. In 2023 alone, the company hired over 80 new employees, underscoring its proactive approach to recruiting top talent and its unwavering dedication to excellence.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | VETERAN-FRIENDLY EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

REFINERY TERMINAL FIRE COMPANY



WSSET is honored to name Refinery Terminal Fire Company (RTFC) as the 2024 Veteran-Friendly Employer of the Year, recognizing their exceptional efforts in recruiting and hiring veterans. Established in 1948 following the Texas City disaster, RTFC has grown into the largest non-profit industrial firefighting organization in the U.S., providing top-tier fire protection and emergency response services to the Port of Corpus Christi and surrounding industries.

RTFC's commitment to veterans goes beyond just recruitment; it's a core part of their identity. By prioritizing veterans in their hiring practices, RTFC has built a team of highly skilled, disciplined professionals perfectly suited to the demands of industrial firefighting. Their ongoing partnership with WSSET further strengthens their ability to find and support veteran talent. RTFC's dedication not only enhances their operational success but also empowers veterans to apply their skills in meaningful and impactful roles, exemplifying the powerful synergy between military experience and civilian employment.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | CHILDCARE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

WORLD OF COLOR DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WSSET is proud to name World of Color Development Center as the 2024 Child Care Provider of the Year, recognizing their outstanding commitment to early childhood education. Located in Beaumont, Texas, and owned by Arlene Coleman with her daughter Kourtney Lynch as Director, World of Color has been a cornerstone of the community for 24 years. Recently, the center expanded its capacity from 111 to 215 children, including new spaces in their infant and toddler classrooms, earning them a grant for Infant Toddler expansion in recognition of their dedication to quality care.

World of Color's strong partnerships further highlight their impact. They host two Beaumont ISD Pre-K Partnership classrooms, collaborate with the Beaumont Association of Retired Teachers to provide books for students, and have worked with BISD Paul Brown High School for the past three years to offer hands-on Early Childhood Education Practicum work experience. With a highly qualified teaching staff, including individuals with bachelor's and associate degrees, as well as Early Education Certificates, World of Color continues to set the standard for excellence in early childhood education.



Impact of Childcare Quality Funds:

816

Childcare Providers Professional Development

21

Childcare Development Scholarships Awarded CDAs

72

Texas Rising STAR Providers

76

Providers Receiving Equipment, Curriculum, and Grants

Impact of Childcare Subsidy Funds:

2,462

Average Number of Children Served Per Day

105

Total Number of Providers

1,944

Number of Families Assisted

\$17,703,672

Total Childcare Subsidies Provided



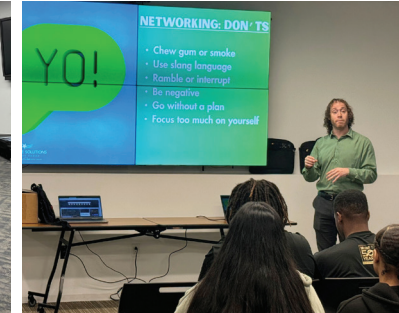
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CAREER AND EDUCATION OUTREACH IN 2024

The Career and Education Outreach program continued its progress in Southeast Texas throughout 2024. Designed to cultivate a skilled future workforce, the Career Coach collaborated with middle and high schools across the region to offer students and faculty a comprehensive range of career preparation resources. These efforts included workshops on resume writing, interview techniques, financial literacy, virtual reality-based career exploration, and insights into local and state labor market trends.

Students receiving career preparation materials

13,373



Schools visited

25

Students who engaged with career preparation materials

13,253



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2024 TEACHER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM BRINGS INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE TO THE CLASSROOM

The 2024 Teacher Externship program—a collaborative initiative between WSSET and Region 5 Education Service Center—brought together over 70 educators from 13 school districts across Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin counties. The program provided teachers with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in various industries in order to gain firsthand experience and insights that they could bring back to their classrooms. The externships were hosted by 16 diverse sites, representing key sectors, including maritime, petrochemical, healthcare, manufacturing, and more.

Through this program, teachers were able to bridge the gap between education and industry by aligning classroom instruction with real-world skills and expectations. More importantly, the teacher's experiences will enrich their teaching practices, foster stronger connections between the classroom and local industry, and, ultimately, contribute to the development of a skilled and knowledgeable future workforce in Southeast Texas.

2024 PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

- Chevron Phillips Chemical Company
- CHRISTUS Southeast Texas
- Dow
- ExxonMobil
- Golden Pass LNG
- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Lamar State College Orange
- Lamar State College Port Arthur
- Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing
- Motiva Enterprises LLC
- Orange County Navigation and Port District
- Port of Beaumont
- Port of Port Arthur
- Southeast Texas Building and Construction Trades Council
- TotalEnergies
- Valero Port Arthur Refinery



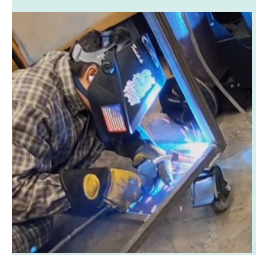


WORKFORCE AMBASSADORS

Each year, we highlight some of the most memorable and successful individuals who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to becoming self-sufficient.

DANIEL CORNEJO

BUILDING A BETTER LIFE



Daniel, a husband and guardian to a two-year-old and his 14-year-old niece, came to

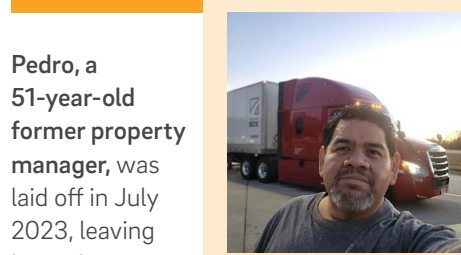
WSSET with a goal: to earn a welding certification and provide a better future for his family. Though employed, Daniel's wages were below what was needed for self-sufficiency. Determined to succeed, he sought support to upgrade his skills and build a sustainable career.

With help from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, Daniel enrolled in welding school. He stayed focused, communicated regularly with his career advisor, and made the most of available resources. His hard work and perseverance paid off—Daniel graduated in May 2024 and started a full-time welding job at Helena Laboratories in June, earning \$14.50 an hour.

Daniel's success is a testament to determination and the value of support programs like WIOA. His story highlights how commitment and the right opportunities can create lasting positive change for individuals and their families.

PEDRO TORRES

DRIVEN TO SUCCEED



Pedro, a 51-year-old former property manager, was laid off in July 2023, leaving him reliant on

unemployment benefits. Earning \$52,000 annually in his previous role, he realized returning to property management might be challenging and decided to pursue a new career in trucking, which offered similar pay.

With support from the WIOA program, Pedro obtained his CDL permit and began training at Lamar State College Orange in December 2023. By February 2024, he had completed his training and was ready to start a new chapter.

In July 2024, Pedro secured a job with Knight Transportation, earning an average of \$1,000 per week. His determination and the resources provided by WSSET helped him overcome challenges and achieve stability in a rewarding new career.

LESLEY HARMANSON

A NEW PATH FOR SUCCESS



Lesley, a Port Arthur native and U.S. Army veteran, faced limited opportunities in the local

job market after his military service. Working as a laborer with little room for advancement, he decided to pursue his passion for driving and a better-paying career by earning a CDL-A certification.

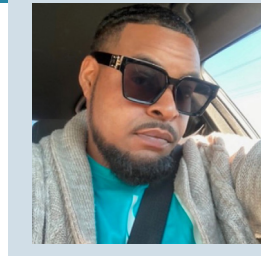
With support from the WIOA program, Lesley enrolled in CDL-A training at Lamar State College Port Arthur. After completing 300 hours of coursework and hands-on training, he earned his certification and began applying for trucking jobs.

Lesley's hard work paid off when he secured a job with a reputable trucking company, earning \$26.00 an hour. His success is not only a career achievement but also a personal triumph, demonstrating how determination and the right resources can open doors to a brighter future.

REYNALDO BROWN

POWERING THROUGH

Reynaldo came to WSSET seeking help to secure steady work and complete CDL-A training. As a



single father facing eviction and financial struggles, he remained determined to build a better future for himself and his son. Balancing full-time work as a Warehouse Associate at Summit Electric with evening training, Reynaldo pushed through every challenge.

With support from the WIOA program, Reynaldo completed his CDL training in May 2024 and earned his Class A CDL in July. His hard work paid off when he was promoted to a full-time CDL driver at Summit Electric, earning \$20.94 an hour.

Now self-sufficient, Reynaldo can provide for his family and serve as a role model for his son. His journey highlights the power of perseverance and how the support Workforce Solutions offers helps individuals achieve their goals.

MORGAN ALLEN

PROUD MOTHER MAKES HER WAY



Morgan, a 24-year-old mother of two, was unemployed and receiving public assistance when

she connected with WSSET. Having completed high school but with limited work experience, Morgan sought a new career path and planned to pursue a business degree. However, she faced challenges, including the need for childcare and a lack of experience in a business setting.

With support from the WIOA Youth program, Morgan received job search assistance, childcare support, and enrollment in a paid training program. Through her placement with the Orange Housing Authority, she gained valuable administrative and customer service skills while supporting her family.

Morgan's hard work and determination paid off when the Orange Housing Authority hired her full time as a Document Controller earning \$17.79 an hour. She began her new role on February 27th, achieving stability and setting an example for her family as she continues her journey toward a brighter future.

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AMY MAYO

NEW SKILLS BRING SECURITY



Amy came to WSSET seeking job search assistance, feeling that her background

was a barrier to securing stable employment. After learning about the WIOA program, Amy met with a Career Advisor and explored career options. She became interested in welding after reviewing the Targeted Occupations List and Labor Market Information.

Amy applied for WIOA and was approved for training. With support from her case manager, she developed an Individual Employment Plan and set clear goals. Amy worked diligently to follow her plan and completed her welding training.

Through the WIOA program, Amy earned her welding certification and secured a full-time position as a Marine Yard Welder at Muddy Waters in Orange, Texas, earning \$27.00 per hour. She now enjoys a stable career with consistent hours, demonstrating how dedication and the right resources can open doors to new opportunities.



BECHTEL RECOGNIZED AT TWC CONFERENCE



Bechtel Energy Inc., our 2024 Local Employer of Excellence for its outstanding contributions to workforce development and economic growth in the region, was honored at the Texas Workforce Commission's 27th Annual Texas Workforce Conference in Grapevine, Texas. Each Board's Local Employer of Excellence was recognized during the conference. Bechtel was celebrated for its partnership with Texas Workforce Solutions and its work with Sempra Infrastructure on the Port Arthur LNG Project, which has created significant local job opportunities. As a leading engineering and construction firm, Bechtel's commitment to enhancing economies, infrastructure, and sustainability exemplifies the values driving Texas' economic success, as noted by TWC Commissioner Joe Esparza.

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LAMAR UNIVERSITY STEM CAMP DELIVERS AN INSPIRING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

WSSET collaborated with Lamar University Texas Academy's Summer STEM Camp, which spanned three weeks and engaged over 150 middle and high school students from the local area. The camp introduced participants to various industry clusters, including advanced technologies and manufacturing, aerospace and defense, biotechnology and life sciences, information and computer technology, petroleum refining and chemical products, and energy.

WSSET presented virtual reality career exploration using TransfrVR headsets, allowing students to choose from 20 hands-on careers and experience them virtually. Additionally, WSSET sponsored over 25 students potentially eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services. These students attended the camp and received

valuable information about transition services offered by Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Throughout the camp, four WSSET-sponsored students earned the title of Camper of the Week. WSSET looks forward to supporting the Summer STEM Camp 2025 and continuing to inspire young minds.



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NEW WORKFORCE CENTER EXPANDS OUR RESOURCES IN ORANGE

WSSET proudly unveiled its new workforce center in Orange, Texas, marking a significant milestone in supporting the growth and prosperity of the Orange County community. The state-of-the-art, 12,000-square-foot facility is designed to expand opportunities for job seekers and employers alike, fostering job creation and economic development throughout the region.

To celebrate the center's grand opening, WSSET partnered with the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The celebration continued with the Orange County Spring Job Fair. The event showcased the center's robust resources, including a fully equipped resource room and the WSSET mobile lab.

The new Orange County Workforce Center stands as a critical investment in the future of the community, offering vital resources and support to individuals and businesses. By fostering collaboration and growth, the center is helping shape a more prosperous Orange County.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | VETERANS JOB FAIR

WORKFORCE CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO JOB-SEEKING VETERANS



The 2024 Hiring Red, White, and You! Veterans Job Fair connected veterans, active-duty service members, and other job seekers with local employers. This year's event took place on November 7th and attracted 24 employers from diverse industries, ranging from manufacturing to healthcare, each seeking dedicated talent for available positions. With a strong turnout of 89 job seekers, including 38 veterans, the job fair provided an invaluable platform for veterans to showcase their unique skills and qualifications, fostering community-wide appreciation for their service.

In addition to providing direct employment opportunities, the event highlighted WSSET's commitment to supporting veterans' transitions into civilian careers. Employers participating in Hiring Red, White, and You! understand the immense value veterans bring to the workforce — qualities such as discipline, adaptability, and a strong work ethic. With resources like resume-building workshops and direct networking opportunities, WSSET ensures that veterans are well-equipped and confident in their job search, helping to strengthen the local workforce and meet the needs of employers across the region.

Participating Employers	
Acadian Ambulance	LSCPA Workforce Development
Beaumont Independent School District	M&D Supply
Bechtel Energy Inc.	Management & Training Corporation
Boys' Haven	Patriot Security
Elara Caring	Primerica
Equip Enterprises Inc.	PSC Group
ExxonMobil	Rave Financial
Federal Correction Complex, Beaumont	ResCare Community Living
Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas	Sabine Pilots
Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corp.	Texas Veterans Commission
Integrated Technology	Wellpath
Integrity Homecare Services	Worley

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APPRENTICESHIP TEXAS EXPANSION GRANT REVIEW

Throughout 2023 and 2024, WSSET made significant strides in expanding apprenticeship opportunities through the ApprenticeshipTexas Expansion grant, a total of \$260,000 awarded in mid-2023 by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This funding enabled us to support the Related Technical Instruction (RTI) classroom training for 130 apprentices, equipping them with the essential skills and knowledge for success in high-demand industries across Southeast Texas. By removing the financial barrier of RTI costs, we empowered local apprentices to focus on their training, creating a solid foundation for skilled careers while also addressing the region's workforce needs.

This initiative was achieved in close collaboration with key partners, including Beaumont Electrical JATC, Apache Industrial, Pipefitters Local Union 211, and Plumbers Local Union 68. Together, we have built a strong pipeline of

future-ready workers who are not only prepared for individual success but also contribute to the strength and sustainability of their industries. This program's success highlights the impact of strategic investment in workforce development and underscores the value of partnership in creating career pathways that benefit our community's economy and future.

Additionally, we were able to fund the RTI for 15 apprentices through a Board Service Award (BSA) following our success with the ApprenticeshipTexas Expansion grant in 2022-2023.

Key Partner Company Participation	
Beaumont Electrical JATC	74
Apache Industrial	8
Pipefitters Local Union 211	34
Plumbers Local Union 68	14

2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS INSPIRATION SHINES AT INCLUSION WORKS 2024

October marked National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), and WSSET proudly hosted the 2nd Annual Inclusion Works event. The event, held at the Downtown Event Centre, showcased a day of inspiring speakers, professional development sessions, and networking opportunities.

NDEAM recognizes the contributions of America's workers with disabilities, past and present, while highlighting inclusive employment policies and practices that benefit both employers and employees. Attendees engaged with industry leaders, connected with like-minded professionals, and gained valuable insights into fostering inclusive environments.

This year's event emphasized the critical importance of Mental Health Awareness in the workplace, at home, and in educational settings. Keynote speaker Dr. Susan Biali Haas shared a wealth of information on the importance of resiliency and self-care to maintain a well-balanced life. Building on the success of last year, which drew over 300 professionals, employers, and advocates, the 2024 gathering aimed to continue promoting awareness and inclusivity.



2024 SOUTHEAST TEXAS | YOUTH EXPO 2024

On February 8th, WSSET, exhibitors and sponsors hosted 3,243 students from 39 schools at the 10th Annual Youth Career Expo. The event showcased 142 exhibitors arranged by career clusters, and 17 organizations sponsored the event. To date, the 2024 Youth Career Expo is the largest in its decade-long history.



2024 YOUTH CAREER EXPO SPONSORS

PLATINUM

- Industry of Southeast Texas
- C2 Global Professional Services
- Southeast Texas Building & Construction Trades Council
- Lamar University College of Engineering and Office of Admissions
- Industrial Safety Training Council

GOLD

H-E-B

- Beaumont Electrical JATC
- Lamar State College Port Arthur
- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Neches Federal Credit Union
- Entergy
- Lamar State College Orange
- Golden Pass LNG
- Rave Financial

SILVER

- Port of Beaumont
- Port of Port Arthur
- The Lee Group

2024 YOUTH CAREER EXPO PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS

- Region 5 Education Service Center
- Southeast Texas Human Resources Association
- Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle
- Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

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