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Foster Youth Employment Coalition Announces Hiring Fair ***Previous Hiring Fairs Have Generated Over 100 Jobs For Foster Youth***

SAN JOSE – March 25, 2014 —The [Foster Youth Employment Coalition](#) (FYEC) and the [San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce](#) announced they will continue their successful Foster Youth Hiring Fair series on May 8, 2014. This unique partnership between private sector businesses, social service agencies, and job training and placement organizations has generated 112 jobs for current and former foster youth since January 2013.

“The Chamber is very proud of the efforts of our members to support foster youth in our community,” said President & CEO Matthew Mahood. “This hiring model works for both youth and businesses. In fact, the chamber hired an outstanding young worker through the TeenForce program.”

“Employers who want to support youth in our community should contact us now to get involved in the May 8 Hiring Fair,” said John Hogan, CEO at [TeenForce](#), a member of the FYEC. “Our community partners will be training and preparing work-ready teens and young adults, who will be ready to interview for open positions.”

The Hiring Fair matches work-ready current and former foster youth (ages 16 – 24) with open positions at a variety of employers throughout Santa Clara County. Employers such as RFI Communications and Security, Planet Orange, M. E. Fox and Company, Goodwill of Silicon Valley, US Bank, Beshoff MotorCars and Orchard Supply Hardware have all participated in previous events.

Employers seeking more information should contact TeenForce at 408-827-3078 x6. They can also complete the [Hiring Fair registration form](#) online or review the [Hiring Fair FAQ](#). Youth interested in qualifying for the Hiring Fair should contact TeenForce at 408-827-3078 x3.

About the Foster Youth Employment Coalition

The FYEC is made up of government agencies and non-profits that serve foster youth employment and educational needs in Santa Clara County. Members include TeenForce, Work2future, NOVA, Family and Children’s Services ILP, Silicon Valley Children’s Fund, Year Up, Center for Employment Training, and the Career Development Unit of the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children’s Services.





About TeenForce

Based in San Jose, TeenForce works with businesses to create job opportunities for teens and young adults. TeenForce was founded in 2010 to reduce the barriers to teen employment and provide young people with a wide range of work experience, including summer internships, part-time and full-time employment. TeenForce is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is funded by grants, community and individual donations and placement fees from employers. For more information about TeenForce, or to provide a work opportunity for local youth, please contact John Hogan at 408.827.3078 or

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