

# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010/2011

#### **Coreen Bernier – Employment Coordinator**

The four programs that the Employment and Training Department are responsible for:

- Employment and Training
- Computer Lab
- Personal Development
- Community Access Program

Each program has its own budget and in this last year the Employment Facilitator partnered with Partners in Literacy and received \$10,000 and \$3960 was received from the CAP program that was used to hire a part-time instructor to teach basic computers to youth, adults and seniors. The instructor and Employment Facilitator are marketing the computer lab into the community of Westbank and Peachland.

The Employment and Training budget are federal dollars that are for First Nations individuals on and off reserve covering Westbank and Peachland area. The training dollars are utilized to work with individuals who have barriers to finding and sustaining employment. The program dollars are targeted to individuals who are on Social Assistance or EI. This budget also targets employers who are interested in doing on the job training or hiring of summer students to help people gain experience in the world of work. The training can only be short term training one-year or less.

This year the Employment and Training facilitator worked with Pine Acres to have 3 individuals trained on the job for housekeeping and laundry. In the future if Pine Acres is to hire they would have trained people to accept employment. Two individuals were hired as paid positions for on-call casual employment.

I continue to work closely with employers coming into the community to have clients trained and hired. To date there are 3 large projects, one in Lake Country, building the new highway project, Peachland is building a new golf course and Revelstoke is building a new dam that clients have been referred to for possible employment opportunities. The new Winners store in Westbank will be doing a hiring fair in the near future. There are a variety of business' that are opening in Westbank soon.

#### **Power Saw Course**







**Employed** 

Male 19 Female 9

## **Drop In Clients** 125

These clients need help with resume writing, job search or computer basics

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## **El Training Clients**

Welding
Culinary Arts
Resident Care Aid
Business Administration
RCMP Training

### **Regular Course Seat Purchase**

Power Saw/Fire Suppression 20
First Aid Training 10
Summer Student 8
Various Training 50
World Host 8
Foodsafe 7



Summer Students



Power Saw Course



**Bridge Construction**