



The 2nd Annual North Channel Job Fair, sponsored by U.S. Congressman Gene Green, was a diverse, community event that brought together local employers with residents in The WorkSource-Northshore office area. Over 350 attended.



The Greater Houston Job Fair was a diverse, general employment event sponsored by the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, North Harris Montgomery Community College District and The WorkSource. A total of 27 companies participated in the fair and more than 1,200 individuals attended. Employers represented the health care, transportation, education, government, office services and manufacturing industries.



A Transportation Job Fair with more than 35 industry employers was held at The WorkSource-Northline office and was attended by 781 applicants.



NOTE: A complete list of The WorkSource's upcoming Job Fairs and Employer Events can be found on its Web site. Go to www.theworksource.org and "Find a Job."

THE WORKSOURCE COORDINATES COLLABORATION FOR RN CLINICAL TRAINING

In its ongoing effort to find new resources to meet the critical need for more registered nurses in the Gulf Coast region, The WorkSource has raised a multi-agency health care collaboration to new heights. It has been instrumental in securing a major competitive grant along with matching funds and in-kind services to provide the clinical portion of an RN's formal education in a new and innovative manner.

The program is known as WINNER, short for Workforce Increases in Nurses and Nursing facility: Excellence in Resource collaboration. It will provide two years of precepted clinical training for nursing students from 10 area schools. The Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board has awarded a three-year \$1.5 million grant to the collaboration. The John S. Dunn Research Foundation has committed to a match of up to \$250,000, and the Good Samaritan Foundation has committed to a match of \$30,000. Hospitals participating in the educational program will donate \$288,000 through loaned clinical teaching staff and clinic sites.

The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston will lead the project team that includes Lee College, Houston Community College, San Jacinto Community College, Alvin Community College, College of the Mainland, North Harris Montgomery Community College, Prairie View

A&M University, UTMB School of Nursing, and Texas Woman's University.

Hospitals providing preceptors for the project include San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Harris County Hospital District, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas Children's Hospital, The Methodist Hospital, Memorial Hermann Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and UTMB John Sealy Hospital. Additional hospitals will be recruited during the initial planning phase.

The WorkSource-Gulf Coast Workforce Board and The Greater Houston Partnership will serve as advisors for the collaboration. Nurse clinical training is scheduled to begin in fall 2005.