



# WIB NEWS



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, STEPHEN!

We would like to express our gratitude for Stephen Jackson's service as Chair. His dedication and commitment to our cause have been truly inspiring and we are incredibly grateful for his contributions.

As Chair, he consistently went above and beyond what is expected. He has always been willing to share his expertise and insights and has constantly been a strong advocate for the WIB. He has also been a valuable mentor to other board members and has helped to create a positive and supportive environment for our board.

He also demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. He has been able to effectively manage the board's meetings and discussions and has always kept us on track. He has built consensus among our board members and helped us to make sound decisions.

We are truly grateful for his service as Chair. He has made a significant difference in our organization and in the lives of the people we serve.



The Workforce Investment Board of Sonoma County Welcomes New Board Chair

The WIB of Sonoma County is pleased to announce the appointment of Brandy Evans as its new Board Chair. Brandy Evans will succeed Stephen Jackson.

Brandy is a highly accomplished financial leader and is currently the President & Chief Executive Officer for the last 9 years of Goodwill Industries Redwood Empire. Brandy is also a passionate advocate for the WIB.

"We are thrilled to welcome Brandy to the role of Board Chair," said WIB Director, Katie Greaves. "She is a visionary leader with a deep understanding of our industry and our mission. I am confident that she will help us to achieve our ambitious goals and make a positive impact on the community."

Brandy began her duties as Board Chair in July, 2023.



#### **JOB LINK BUSINESS SERVICES**

By Chris Willover

Sonoma County Job Link is a free service that provides job seekers and employers with the resources they need to succeed. Job Link also offers a variety of free business services to help employers find and retain the best talent possible.

One of the most popular Job Link business services is the On-the-Job Training (OJT) program. This program provides employers with financial assistance to train new employees on specific skills. The OJT program can be used to train employees for a variety of positions, including entry-level, skilled, and professional jobs. See OJT Data on page 3

Job Link business services also offers a Layoff Prevention and Rapid Response service. This program provides employers with resources and assistance to avoid layoffs and help their employees through difficult economic times or business closures. The Layoff Prevention and Rapid Response service is a proactive, business-focused program designed to assist companies facing potential layoffs or plant closures, and to provide immediate on-site services to assist workers facing job loss.

Job Link's business services are free to all Sonoma County employers. To learn more about Job Link's business services or to get started, employers can visit the Job Link website, call Chris Willover the Business Services Coordinator at 707-565-2381 or email at cwillover@schsd.org.



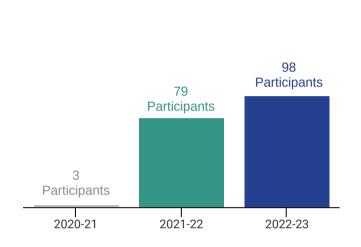


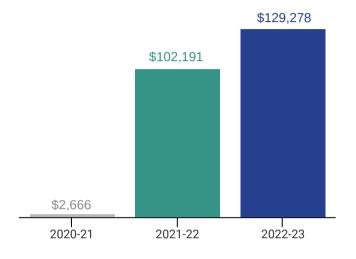
## On the Job Training (OJT)

Summaryfor2020-21to2022-23

#### OJT Participants by Program Year

#### OJT Payments by Program Year





### OJT Participants by Industry









13% Transportation

12% Hospitality 9% Construction









Professional 80/0 Services

Retail Trade

Other Services

Manufacturing







Management

2% Administrative, Support, etc.

Real Estate, 1% Rental, Leasing