



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY APPLEBEE'S CLOSING

call to action for community help spread the message to workers affected

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – The San Luis Obispo County Rapid Response Team will be hosting an informational session Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for the workers being affected by the Applebee's closures. This session will be held at America's Job Center of Californiasm (AJCC) at 880 Industrial Way, San Luis Obispo. For more information contact Chris Rafter at (805) 903-1422. AJCC staff have been on site to both Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo closure sites to make contact and attempts to reach corporate have not been successful. AJCC staff have confirmed the SLO closure affected 29 full-time and part-time employees. At this time, we have been unable to verify how many workers were affected by the Paso Robles site closure. The manager on site at the SLO location reported to AJCC staff that employees were given notice of the closure last week and offered positions at alternate locations in Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Salinas.

These closures did not fall under the jurisdiction of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) act therefore reaching the affected employees prior to the closure has been problematic. Assistance from the community in getting the message to affected workers of this orientation session is appreciated. The information session will include information on applying for EDD Unemployment Benefits, funding for training, community resources, job search strategies, and businesses hiring in the local labor market. This informational session is in response to the Applebee's closures however it is open to anyone affected or being affected by a business layoff or closure such as employees of Radioshack, Payless Shoesource, etc.

The Rapid Response Team is a cooperative between the Local Workforce Development Board Rapid Response Coordinator, America's Job Center of California (AJCC), and the Employment Development Department (EDD) to assist employers and workers during a mass layoff or plant closure. The Rapid Response Team supports workers who will be losing their jobs from this or any business closure or layoff. The primary purpose of Rapid Response is to enable affected workers to return to work as quickly as possible following a layoff, or to prevent layoffs altogether. www.sloworkforce.com.

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ABOUT SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Workforce Development Board formerly known as the Workforce Investment Board is a demand driven organization appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to implement the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act by leveraging community resources and being a catalyst for workforce development contributing to a healthy economy in San Luis Obispo County. Our vision is to meet the needs of employers and job seekers in SLO County. The Workforce Development Board is a proud partner of America's Job Center of Californiasm. For more information, please go to www.SLOworkforce.com

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