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Outreach Volunteer and Client Recruitment October 15, 2015

Volunteer Recruitment

- Community and Vocational Colleges
- WIB's
 - Job clubs/Job squads
 - Welfare to work
 - Youth
- High Schools
- Within our agency
- Family Resource Centers
- Community Events
- Internet
 - Craigslist
 - Facebook
 - Agency website
 - Online volunteer application
- Repeat volunteers
 - Their own agencies
 - Senior Centers

Getting The "Word" Out

- Email Blasts
- Public Media Bilingual
 - Radio
 - Television
 - News Stations
 - Newspaper
 - Bus Ads
- Flyers
- Within our agency
- Family Resource Centers
- Community Events
- Internet
 - Craigslist
 - Facebook
 - Agency website
- Public Service Announcements
 - Water bill
 - Reverse 911
 - Senior Centers
 - Employee inserts

The "Team"

Who makes a VITA program successful?

- Answer: Everyone
 - Youth High school students adopting a site
 - Cutler/Orosi 17 students
 - Porterville 5 students
 - Community hours
 - Resume Building
 - Work experience
 - Senior Citizens- Our best volunteers are some of our seniors
 - Repeat volunteers
- Others
 - WIB's/One Stop Center
 - Job clubs/Job squads
 - Working with job developers
 - AmeriCorps
 - 5 7 members
 - Subsidized work/training/experience
 - Community Corps Members
 - 3 5 members
 - Subsidized work/training/experience
 - Community and Vocational Colleges
 - 5 7 members
 - Business Students
 - Experience
 - Career Volunteers

VITA Outcomes

- Over 150 volunteers trained during the 2014 tax year as:
 - Greeters
 - Screeners
 - Tax preparers
 - Quality reviewers
 - Site Coordinators
- CSET VITA sites averaged over 70 IRS certified volunteers every Saturday during the program season
- Over 2,400 tax returns were prepared and 7,500 volunteer hours total were recorded
- Who are our customers?
 - They average \$17,116 gross per year or
 - \$1,426 per month or
 - \$329 per week!
- Federal poverty level for a family of 3 is \$19,790

Communication is the key – With staff, volunteers, agencies in your communities, family, friends, etc.