

Lower Columbia All First Nations

OTDC Annual Report – 2007-2008



LCAFN Employment and Training office located in Castlegar BC serves the Trail, Nelson, Castlegar and Grandforks area with a population base of 80,000 approximately 5000 being aboriginal.

A 10% client growth this fiscal year has brought the client base up to 325. With the funding allocation from OTDC, LCAFN streamlined 20 individual clients; 3-YSD, 11-CSP, 6 POT and in addition supported 8 youth at risk all – YSD, thru the Future Works Project.

Training Programs selections were geared to occupations in Equipment Operator, Health, Drivers, Trades/Labour, and General Training.

EAS Activity Report for April 2007 – March 31, 2008

- Julie Seal - Media & Cultural Studies
- Casey Haines - Dental Hygiene
- Cassandra Ferdinand – Writing for Children & Teens
- Chris McKee – Millwright/Machinist
- Brett McLean – Automobile Service Technician
- Glenn Gilpin – Nursing – Pre-requisites
- Robert Mann – Class 3 Drivers
- JC Hamilton – Field Safety Rep
- Marnie Audia – Human Kinetics – Pre-requisites
- Nikki Sanduluc – Electrical Apprentice yr 4
- Susan Flemming – Social Services Worker – Pre-requisites
- Roxanne Ismay – Civil Engineer –Pre-requisites
- Tim MacKenzie – Personal Fitness Trainer
- Aaron Pongracz – CWB Welding/Bookkeeping/
- Stacey Swan – Forklift
- Cam Anderson – Plumbing Apprentice
- Lori Bayes – Medical Transcription
- Future Works – Youth at Risk

LCAFN also secured funding for several clients through CBT. Some of the courses include: Firefighting, Hazardous Goods in Workplace, Foodsafe, Traffic Control, Level 1 & 3 First Aid, Safety Recognition and Reporting.

**Lori Bayes**

I would like to take the time to thank Lower Columbia All First Nations (LCAFN) for the fantastic job you do there. With your help, I was able to finally have all of my dreams come true. "To start y own businesses as a medical transcriptionist from home". I graduated from my medical transcription course with Honours in October of 2007. Only two weeks after graduation, I was offered my first contract with a hospital in New Jersey, in the United States. I have been contracting medical documents for them ever since. I am currently on my way to start my second contract for another hospital in New York and I am applying to other companies in Canada as well. Upon graduation I have had 12 different contract offers, and they are still coming in on a daily basis. Without Lower Columbia All First Nations' help, I would still be just dreaming of this career, but because of their help, my dreams have all come true. Thank you, Ed, Lisa, and Brenda and everyone else at LCAFN

for everything. God Bless you.

Lori Bayes

*CS-Honours graduate.
All Type, Inc. IC/MT*

Cam Anderson

Without the support and funding that Lower Columbia All First Nations (LCAFN) provided I would not have been able to return to School. Given this chance I have come so far so fast I now only have two more yearly academic sessions to complete my 4 year apprenticeship as a Journeyman Plumber Pipefitter. This comes with gratitude and many thanks to LCAFN for the support and opportunity that will increase my standard of living for the rest of my life. Thank you so much.

*Cam Anderson -
Plumber/Pipefitter
Apprentice*

