

1983 - 1984

TACOMA URBAN LEAGUE, INC.

"STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY TIES"



The Tacoma Urban League, a local community based social services organization, has been in existence in this area since 1968. The Tacoma Urban League was established by a group of concerned Pierce County citizens who felt a need to help improve the social and economic conditions of disadvantaged members of the local community. Working towards achieving the goals set by the National Urban League and addressing itself to the needs of Tacoma, Pierce County and oftentimes the South Puget Sound area, the League has grown to deliver a multitude of services to its constituency. Today, the Tacoma Urban League is the most effective community-based advocate of opportunities for the disadvantaged in the Tacoma area.

TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM

Funding Source: United Way
 Program Goal: Place disadvantaged minorities and women into apprenticeship and journey-level jobs within the skilled trades
 Career Fields: Plumbers, Pipefitters, Electricians, Sheet Metal Workers and other skilled trades positions
 Contact: Ernest Huntley
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WASHINGTON STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Funding Source: State Department of Transportation
 Program Goal: Place women and minorities into the highway construction industry
 Career Fields: Highway Construction related careers
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PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Funding Source: Private Sector
 Program Goal: Place skilled minority clients into private sector affirmative action positions; provide resume writing workshops and self-directed job search techniques to clientele
 Career Fields: Accountants, Data Processors, Word Processors, Biologists, Engineers
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By adopting as its overall mission the idea of serving as a catalyst to formulate strategies to solve key problems and issues as they relate to the disadvantaged, Tacoma Urban League will, in 1983-1984, work cooperatively and productively with other groups and agencies throughout the state, in order to assist those in need, as a service to the total community.

The League is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization which is multi-racial in its leadership and professional makeup. It is governed by a Board of Directors, representing a cross-section of the community, who assists the President and the staff with planning and conducting various Urban League programs.

Presently, Tacoma Urban League's agency configuration includes nine action programs in the areas of employment / training, social services and advocacy activities. The following is a synopsis of the programs operated by the Tacoma Urban League.

COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Funding Source: Department of Labor
 Program Goal: Reimburse employers up to 50% of the cost of hiring and training economically disadvantaged residents of Tacoma and Pierce County
 Career Field: All semi-skilled, entry-level career fields
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SECRETARIAL / BOOKKEEPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Funding Source: Department of Labor
 Program Goal: Provide secretarial and bookkeeping brush-up training along with job placement services to any economically disadvantaged person possessing minimal skills in either of the two skilled areas listed above
 Career Fields: Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Word Processors, Receptionists, General Office Workers
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JOB CLUB

Funding Source: United Way
 Program Goal: Place disadvantaged persons into unsubsidized jobs within the public and private sectors; provide job search techniques to program enrollees
 Career Fields: Any and all professional career fields
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