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## **JOB FESTS DRAW OVER 400 RESIDENTS; DOZENS LAND JOB OFFERS**

*Another Job Fest set for Burlington after block party-style events produce results*

Racine – The inaugural Job Fests held last month produced immediate results, with more than 400 residents attending over two days and dozens landing job offers.

To promote job and training opportunities, Racine County and its partners held Job Fests on August 17 at Knapp Community School and August 31 at Dr. Martin Luther King Center. The family-oriented events featured on-the-spot job interviews, information on free training programs and community resources – all in a festive atmosphere with live music, food and children’s activities.

According to surveys of employers, 10 residents were hired directly from the Job Fests, while 34 received job offers. Employers also identified 100 job seekers for follow-up interviews.

“Hosting these types of community engagement events is new for Racine County. The success of the Job Fests shows that our community is excited about the job and training opportunities that are available,” said Melvin Hargrove, project manager of Racine County’s Uplift 900 jobs initiative.

On the heels of successful events in the City of Racine, a third Job Fest has been scheduled at Veterans Terrace in Burlington on Thursday, October 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

“We are committed to offering county-wide opportunities for community members to learn about life-changing job and training opportunities,” said Hope Otto, Racine County human services director.

To learn more about employment and training opportunities, contact Hargrove at 262.638.6551.

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