

Unemployment rate creeps up despite new job creation

Counseling

Employment specialists at Operation ABLE meet individually with program participants. Counseling involves setting realistic employment goals, determining what skills are needed to achieve goals and developing a training plan. The employment specialists outline a learning plan that integrates computer training with classroom instruction. Additionally, ABLE's licensed counselors work with the job seekers to overcome any barriers that may hinder finding a job. These barriers may include family issues, previous abuse problems, homelessness, lack of confidence and problems with transportation.

Career Resilience Centers

Operation ABLE's Career Resilience Centers offer resources for exploring career options and conducting a job search. Housing a library of career magazines, newspapers and self-help books, the centers also provide access to phones, fax and the Internet for finding and following up on job leads. Licensed professional counselors assist with resume development, provide interview coaching and present career workshops on topics such as "Using the Internet as a Career Transition Tool."



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Ron cultivated a career in the tech sector for 20 years but suffered a setback when his employer downsized and he was laid off. After several months of job searching on his own, he learned about Operation ABLE and enrolled in the training program.

Even with his technical background, Ron found the computer training to be very beneficial. "My time was always well spent at Operation ABLE. Everything the teachers showed us was constructive and very helpful," commented Ron.

Ron utilized all the resources in the Career Resilience Center, particularly the Internet access to employment websites. He was successful very quickly and found a job halfway through the training program. He is now working as an application engineer at a Fortune 500 computer company. "ABLE's services allowed me to maximize my opportunities."

