



Upper Arkansas Council of Governments
Workforce Investment Act
February 2008 Board Report

WIA year-to-date customer volume:

76 Adults Active

3 Dislocated Workers Active

13 Older Youth Active

27 Younger Youth Active

The Rural Consortium Directors and Providers meeting was conducted January 30-31, 2008, in Trinidad, CO. The Executive Director of CDLE was present and shared his vision for the Department with the group. Mr. Mares will be visiting the Upper Arkansas Region on Thursday, February 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a *meet and greet* to discuss local issues concerning workforce.

The Workforce Center has kicked off the Governor's Summer Job Hunt campaign for 2008. Staff are busy recruiting local business to hire youth for their seasonal positions. We are also scheduling numerous workshops at the local high schools, as well as various venues where youth are present.

The Fremont County OJT Project is scheduled to conclude February 28th. We will be hosting a graduation ceremony and banquet at the Holy Cross Abbey on February 28th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Invitations were sent on Friday, February 1st. We anticipate 13 of the original 16 to graduate on February 28th.

The 2008 Disabilities Training, hosted by the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) has been completed by three staff of the Upper Arkansas Region. This training provided an array of training involving serving individuals with disabilities. The OWD provided an incentive of \$3,000 to the Workforce Center for the completion of this training. These funds will be used throughout the year for staff development activities.

The Workforce Center will be hosting the February 2008 Business Roundtable, entitled Pandemic Awareness. It will be held February 19th beginning at 8 a.m. KRLN Radio is partnering with us, as they have on all of our Business Roundtables by providing advertisement and refreshments. We anticipate a great turnout for this interesting topic. The March 2008 Roundtable is Child Labor Laws.