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The Family Café and CareerSource Florida Join Forces to Promote Employment for People with Disabilities at The 17th Annual Family Café

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TALLAHASSEE (6/11/15) – With only 30 percent of working-age Floridians with disabilities employed, The Family Café is committed to connecting the families it reaches with resources that can help them find and maintain meaningful employment. That’s why The Family Café once again joined forces with CareerSource Florida to make the Employment Expo part of The 17th Annual Family Café, held on June 5 at the Caribe Royale in Orlando.

“This year at the Annual Family Café we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. While that law did a lot to help people with disabilities become more included in society, we still have a long way to go in terms of employment and economic self-sufficiency,” said Family Café President and CEO Lori Fahey. “We’re really pleased to have partnered with CareerSource Florida to help people take that next step toward independence and inclusion by finding meaningful employment.”

Workforce professionals from the statewide CareerSource Florida network were on hand at the event to help facilitate a relationship between individuals with disabilities and potential employers.

“We take our mission to connect employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities very seriously,” said Britt Sikes, chairman of the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors. “The Family Café provides a great opportunity for Floridians with disabilities to meet with employers, and for employers to learn more about these dedicated individuals and the value they bring to the workforce.”

This year’s Employment Expo put attendees in contact with a number of businesses and agencies that can provide them with employment resources, advice on job-seeking skills and information about available positions. Participants included Cole Engineering Services, It Works! Global, Lockheed Martin, Mary Kay Cosmetics, NASA’s Kennedy Space Center, Walgreens and WellCare Health Plans.

“A qualified, competent, hard-working team is a cornerstone to the success of any business. As a proud partner with The Family Café, we’re excited to be working with such a vast pool of incredible talent,” said CareerSource Central Florida President/CEO Pamela J. Nabors. “Our focus is on finding the right employees for our local businesses, to help them succeed. The Family Café continues to be a premier event for bringing great talent and businesses together.”

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The Family Café has been connecting Floridians with disabilities and their families with information, training and networking opportunities since 1998. Its signature event, The Annual Family Café, includes dozens of breakout sessions, a series of engaging Keynote presentations and an Exhibit Hall that showcases dozens of vendors.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Jesse Panuccio said, "Every person in Florida deserves the opportunity to benefit from the inherent dignity of work. A good job is one key to a good life. DEO is thrilled to assist persons with disabilities in finding employment, and we know that employers who hire these individuals benefit from a loyal, hardworking, talented labor force."

The 17th Annual Family Café, which was held June 5-7, 2015, at the Caribe Royale, hosted more than 7,000 registered attendees. This year's event placed a focus on the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. For additional details, visit www.FamilyCafe.net.

To learn more about employment and training services available to businesses and job seekers, and to connect with your local CareerSource Florida team, visit careersourceflorida.com.

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