



Animal Control

Kudos to Animal Control staff for recent dog find! – Mr. Rob Koelling sent a great email in recently thank both Animal Control Officer **Elizabeth Pelichowski** and Animal Control Services Director **Angelle Nolan** for their efforts to retrieve his two missing dogs.

Great work!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Community Development

Bridgeport Valley RPAC – At its Thursday meeting, the RPAC discussed unmet transit needs with **Wendy Sugimura** and **John Helm**, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority director, and provided general input on transportation issues. Members also discussed RPAC priorities and projects for inclusion in the County's strategic planning process, and **Justin Nalder** reported on Bridgeport Indian Colony projects and possible coordination and leveraging of resources.

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County Administrator's Office

Forest Service Announces opening of Schulman Grove - Because of the warm, dry winter, road crews have been able open the road to the Schulman Grove. It had been previously closed at Sierra View. The Visitor Center remains closed. The road is gated one-half mile beyond the Schulman Grove parking lot and substantial snow still exists along Patriarch Grove Road.

Visitors should still expect snow in the shaded slopes in the Schulman Grove. Currently, the Methuselah Trail is under snow; however the sun-exposed Discovery Trail is free of snow. Please expect limited services if you travel to the grove. Lastly, although California is experiencing a serious drought, light snow pack does not mean no snowpack. Please travel prepared for winter conditions at 10,000 ft.

The road will close again in the event of a winter storm.



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South County Employee Round Table on March 19th at 8:00am in Sierra Center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers – Thank you to the 12 people who attended the March South County Employee Round Table. Good discussion about ongoing Round Fire Efforts as well as some discussion on the midyear budget adjustments made on March 3rd.

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Quarterly Town of Mammoth Lakes and County Liaison Committee touches upon solid waste issue and other opportunities for joint ventures – **Supervisor Fred Stump** and **Supervisor Stacey Corless** attended the Town/County Liaison Committee. Topics included ongoing solid waste issues, the proposed Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District concept the Town is exploring and a review of ongoing Town and County projects.

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Quarterly Easter Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting has full agenda – On March 20th Supervisor **Stacy Corless** and **Supervisor Larry Johnston** along with representatives of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the County of Inyo and the City of Bishop attended and talked D395, Solid Waste and Fishing. Staff in attendance including CAO of both Counties and the City Manager of Bishop.

There was a great deal of interest in finding shared service opportunities and **Supervisor Stacy Corless** was elected as Vice Chair of the Group for the next year. There will be ongoing staff level activities between now and the next meeting to continue the efforts for joint ventures between all four governments.

COBNTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Mono County’s first ever Strategic Planning Framework Heads to the RPACS – Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework. This unprecedented effort is circulating out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback. On March 19th the Mammoth Lakes Noon Time Rotary received a presentation.

Please feel free to come on by the following RPAC meetings:

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| June Lake CAC | April 7th |
| Mono Basin RPAC (2nd review) | April 8th |
| Antelope Valley (2nd Review) | April 9th |
| Bridgeport RPAC (2nd Review) | April 16th |
| First Five (2nd Review) | April 16th |

Thank you all very much for being a part of history and building our future!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



Economic Development

Fish Stocking & Rainbow Trout for your Restaurant

Every year Mono County purchases over \$100,000 worth of trophy trout that are planted throughout Mono County waters. Again this year, Mono County will be purchasing our trophy trout from Desert Springs Trout



Farm located in Summer Lake, Oregon. Because of the distance, we will be purchasing bulk amounts of fish to save on transportation costs. These bulk purchases will allow us to get a better price per pound, which translates into more fish being planted in waters throughout the county.

We realize many marina operators purchase their own fish in smaller amounts and may not be able to afford a full truckload from Desert Springs. If this is the case, you are welcome to purchase fish from Desert Springs and have them shipped down on one of our existing Mono County shipments. The minimum purchase to be included on one of our shipments is 400 pounds. A 400 pound tank ranges in price from **\$2,100 for catchable 1.5 – 3 pound fish** to **\$2,500 for 3-5 pound trophy size fish**.

If you are interested in purchasing fish from Desert Springs for the 2015-16 fishing season and want to be included on one of our shipments, please let me know **before March 27, 2015**. Please note, our new fishing schedule starts July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016. If you have questions about our stocking schedule or fishing programs, please call or email me directly at 760-924-4634 or jsimpson@mono.ca.gov.

Desert Springs Trout Farm can also coordinate delivery of sustainably grown Rainbow Trout for your store or restaurant throughout the summer. Please call Ethan Negus at Desert Springs for more information: 541-943-3192

June Mountain Closing for season

A message from Carl Williams, Managing Director of June Mountain Ski Area:

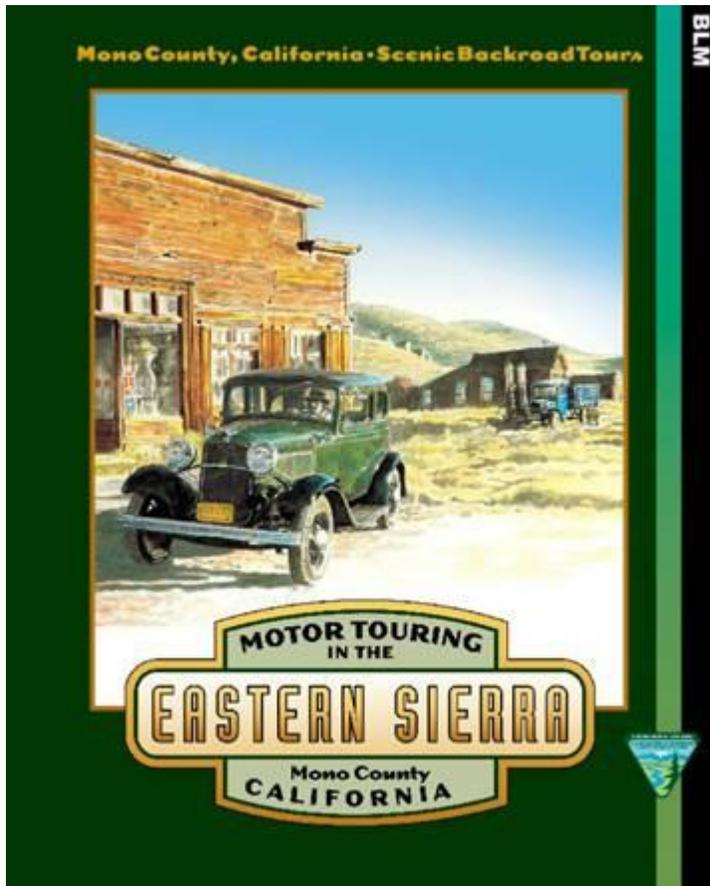
“June Mountain will close for the season at the end of the day on Sunday, March 22. We fought the good fight all season, but in the end, Mother Nature won, as she always does. Our crew worked diligently all winter to provide a great product on the hill, and I was amazed every morning by the magic they were able to accomplish every night to keep the ski area open, and not just open, but with great skiing and riding.

We want to thank you for your support over the last few tough seasons and we will be back and do it all over again next year. Pray for snow.

Don't forget, we will be open for scenic rides and lunch Friday-Monday beginning June 19th through Labor Day.”

CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

- **GREAT NEWS!** Our grant application with the state's Motorized Recreational Trails Program regarding the editing, reprinting, and distribution of the popular Mono County backroads guide, *Motor Touring in the Eastern Sierra*, was approved. All feedback concerning changes/updates to the guide is welcome, and will be solicited from the BLM, Inyo and Humboldt Toiyabe Forests, local Chambers of Commerce, etc. To review the guide, please click here: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?EID=0053703e-1988-46e3-80ec-ba48b7599738>



- **Trade Shows:** Thanks to volunteers Pam Hamic (Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce President), and Chris Long (Mono County Tourism & Film Commissioner) who are representing Mono County at the Reno Outdoor Expo this weekend. Jeff Simpson is heading down to Del Mar next week for the Fred Hall Fishing Show, San Diego, March 26-29.

- The **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission** meets on **Tuesday, March 24** at 10am at the June Lake Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

- The next **Mono County Fisheries Commission** meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 1** at 10am at the June Lake Community Center. Again, all are welcome.

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Probation

Probation goes online with new payment system - Exciting news!! – On March 19th, Mono County probation department went live with their Official Payments system launch. This means they can accept payments from debit and credit cards.

Kudos to Susie Mohling for bringing their 21st century innovation to the Department!

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Public Health

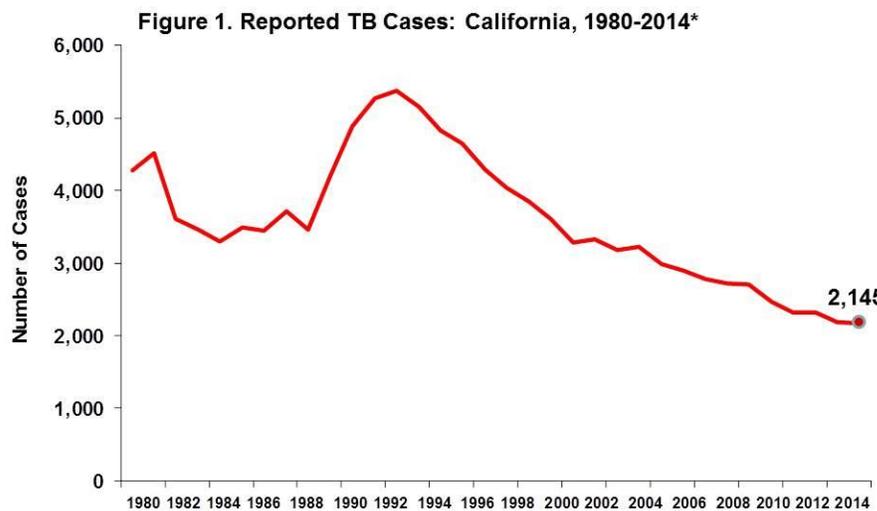
TB Information provided by Public Health - Although Mono County had no cases of active, infectious Tuberculosis in 2014, the Health Department did investigate and case manage several cases of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI). LTBI is not contagious, nor does it make the person ill, however it does require medical attention in order to prevent LTBI from becoming active, infectious Tuberculosis. The attached fact sheet from the California Department of Public Health is a good summary of Tuberculosis in California, which some might find interesting.

[TB in California: A Snapshot California Overview](#)





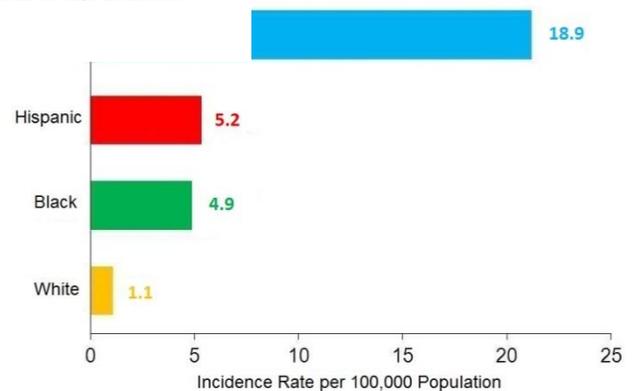
- TB has reached an all-time low in California. In 2014, a total of 2,145 cases were reported, a 1% decline from 2,166 cases in 2013.
- California reports the most TB cases in the U.S. and has an incident case rate (5.6 per 100,000) that is nearly twice the national case rate.
- Despite the overall decline of TB cases in California, of 21 local health jurisdictions with at least 15 cases in 2014, 11 (52%) had an increase in cases between 2013 and 2014.
- An estimated 2.5 million Californians are infected with TB and are at risk of becoming sick with TB in the future if they are not diagnosed and treated for latent TB infection.



**Most Affected Populations
Racial/Ethnic Disparities
Persist**

*The resurgence of TB in the mid-1980s was marked by several years of increasing case counts until its peak in 1992. Case counts began decreasing again in 1993, and have continued an overall downward trend through 2014, with the exception of small increases in reported cases in 2001 and 2003.

by Racial/Ethnic Group, 2014



- TB incidence rates among racial and ethnic minorities remain much higher than those of whites. Rates for Asians (18.9/100,000) were 17 times greater than among whites (1.1), while Hispanics (5.2) and blacks (4.9) were nearly five times as high.
- More than 50% of California's TB cases were reported among Asians in 2014. Cases increased by more than 3% among Asians between 2012 and 2014.

Medical Comorbidities

- In 2014, 35% of adult TB cases had a medical comorbidity such as diabetes



mellitus, end stage renal disease, HIV, or another immunosuppressive condition that can increase the risk of progression from latent to active TB disease.

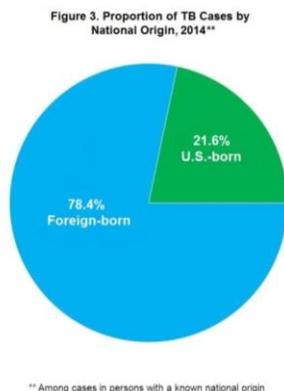
- The most common comorbid condition was diabetes (25% of adult cases).

Children and Older Adults

- In 2014, there were 55 TB cases less than 5 years of age.
- Older persons are making up a greater proportion of TB cases. In 2014 there were 680 (32%) TB cases aged 65 or older, up from 588 (27%) in 2012.

Significant Impact Among Persons Living with HIV

- People living with HIV are at high risk for rapid progression to TB disease once infected and are more likely to die during treatment.
- In 2014, 86 TB cases were HIV-infected, an increase of 12% from 2013.



Foreign-Born Persons Bear Significant Burden

- Despite a decline in the rate of TB among foreign-born persons in 2014, the TB rate (16.1/100,000) among foreign-born persons was 10 times higher than among U.S.-born persons (1.6).
- Persons from Mexico, the Philippines, Vietnam, China, and India account for 75% of foreign-born TB cases.
- Among persons with TB, approximately 94% of Asians, 73% of Hispanics, 40% of whites, and 35% of blacks were foreign-born.
- An estimated 2 million foreign-born persons in California are infected with TB and are at risk for becoming sick in the future.

TB Transmission is Occurring in California

- In 2014, there were at least three new confirmed TB outbreaks involving a total of 35 persons, and nine previously identified outbreaks that continued to require an ongoing public health response.

Deaths Among Persons with TB

- During 2008-2012, 1,085 persons (9% of TB cases) died with TB. More than 20% of these persons died before receiving treatment for TB.

Drug Resistance Remains a Serious Challenge

- In 2014 there were 18 multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB cases reported in California, and no extensively drug-resistant (XDR) TB cases.
- The majority (53%) of California counties with reported TB cases have had at least one MDR TB case in the last 10 years (2005–2014).
- Despite the significant growth of MDR TB in some global regions, in California, MDR TB has remained a small proportion of TB cases, averaging between 1% and 2% of TB cases during 1995-2014.
- More than one-third of California's MDR TB cases have additional resistance, complicating treatment and increasing the risk of treatment failure and death. Of those, 51% are resistant to all first-line drugs, 41% are one resistant drug away from becoming XDR TB, and nearly 8% are XDR TB.
- Among persons treated for MDR TB in California, the chance of dying has dropped significantly. In 1995, more than 1 in 5 (20%) patients treated for MDR TB died, while among 2012 MDR TB cases no deaths occurred.
- Fourteen XDR TB cases were reported in California during 2000-2014.
- Patients with XDR TB have few treatment options because the drugs that are most effective against TB will be ineffective against their disease.

CONTACT: Hillary Bayliss, RN, PHN (760) 924-1835

Kudos to **John Almeida** and **Lundy Schneider** received from thankful member of the Public. Recently Kim Weeks sent a personal thank you to John and Lundy for their recent work helping a member of her family in a response.

Nice to see the note to the team!

CONTACT: Rob DeForrest, (760) 924-1832

Public Works

1. Picture attached is of **Mark Marland** receiving his resolution for his years of service.
2. Applications have been received for a Road vacancy in Benton. Interviews will take place in the coming weeks.
3. In-County Recruitment has begun for a Road vacancy in Crowley.
4. Work on the Mt. Gate Fishing Access area continues. The area is closed during construction.
5. The CARB required grader repower bid was awarded to Smith Power Products, Inc. out of Sparks. Their bid was \$20,000 less than others. Incentive funding through Carl Moyer and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is in process with an inspection of the old engine taking place last week.
6. Memorial Hall ADA remodel project is progressing with an expected completion at the end of March.
7. Road work on Dobie Meadows Road continues. This road has seen storm/flooding related damage over the last few years.
8. Road work on Benton Crossing Road, Cunningham Lane and Topaz lane continue.
9. **Tony Dublino, Brett McCurry** and **Steve Reeves** met this week with a representative from Lahontan Water Quality Control Board to inspect the Round Fire and possible erosion control.



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Social Services



Hispanic Advisory Committee Meeting a Success!

Approximately 130 people attended the Hispanic Advisory Committee Meeting at the Grand Sierra Lodge last evening, March 19th. Attendees met Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Al Davis, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, and Under Sheriff Mike Moriarty and were very appreciative of their participation.

Immigration Attorneys presented information on DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program) and avoiding fraud in the deferred action process. Also discussed was DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and expanded DACA.

The following community-minded restaurants donated food for the event: Roberto's, Nik-N-Willies, Good Life Café, McDonalds, Subway, Salsas, Smoke Yard, Toomey's, and Z Pizza.

The atmosphere of these meetings has changed significantly since the first meetings, where the relationship between Law Enforcement and the Hispanic Community was decidedly tense and even hostile at times. Gone are those days! The mood of the meeting was very positive with a spirit of cooperation. The meetings are held twice per year; the next meeting is due to be held in September 2015, dated to-be-determined.

CONTACT: Francie Avitia, Co-Chair Hispanic Advisory Committee and Program Manager, DSS, (760) 924-1789.



California Senior Legislature

To preserve and enhance the quality of life for older Californians and their families.

Still Needed! Individuals Interested in Advocating for Older Adults - If you are age sixty (60) or over, reside in Mono or Inyo County, and are registered to vote, please consider applying to be elected to the California Senior Legislature (CSL)! Senior Senators and Senior Assembly Members voluntarily represent their counties as members of the California Senior Legislature. Their primary mission is to gather ideas for model legislation that improves the quality of life for aging Californians for consideration at the State and Federal levels.

The current filing period and upcoming election is to fill a vacancy to finish the remaining three years of a four-year term in the CSL Assembly. To receive an application packet, contact the Department of Social Services at (760) 924-1770, or pick up a packet at the Social Services office, 452 Old Mammoth Road in Mammoth Lakes.

The filing deadline for completed packets is no later than **Thursday, April 30, 2015** at noon. Have fun while representing your fellow County-men and women!

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, Social Services, (760) 924-1763



Walker Community Health Fair – mark your calendar
Lunch, Door Prizes for Everyone, Free Car seat SAFETY Checks, Free Blood Pressure Checks
Come One, Come All!

Friday June 5, 2015, 10:30—1:30, Walker Community Center, Highway 395, Walker, CA

Information and Education provided by the following collaborators:

Mono County Social Services, Behavioral Health, Public Health, Office of Education, Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Paramedics, CERT Team, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, In-Home Supportive Services, SNAP-Ed, AARP, Antelope Valley Senior Center, Carson Valley Medical Center-Vitality for Life, HICAP, CA Telephone Access Program, Tribal TANF Program, Mammoth Hospital, First 5 Mono County,

Wild Iris, WIC, IMACA, Tribal TANF Program, Lions Club.

CONTACT: Amanda Hoover, Community Service Solutions, Walker, 530-495-2700

Older Americans Act at 50: Federal funding hasn't kept up with the skyrocketing number of America's seniors, now the largest elderly population in history. That's left states and communities struggling to provide the in-home support, meals, case management and other nonmedical services that help seniors avoid more costly nursing home care and enrolling in taxpayer-funded Medicaid. Last year, nearly two-thirds of 391 local aging agencies reported that their Older Americans Act dollars-which provide 40 percent of the funding for the average agency-had decreased since 2011, a National Association of Area Agencies on Aging survey disclosed. Read a story from Stateline [here](#).

Brain Drain: A Child's Brain on Poverty - The University of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty prepared this [two-page](#) summary exploring the brain's basic anatomy and recent research findings suggesting that poverty affects the brain development of infants and young children and the potential lifelong effects of such changes.

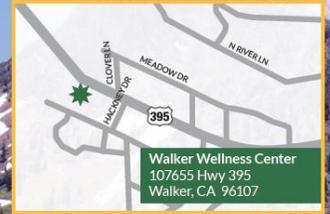
Teaming Up for Workforce Education – Below is a brochure for the new Workforce Education classes that will be offered each month in Mammoth and Walker starting mid-April. These classes focus on the planning and skills necessary to get and keep a job, and they will be taught by excellent staff through Mono County Office of Education. We've dropped off hard copies of the brochures at many locations throughout the County.

Earn a Certificate Recognized by Local Businesses

- Interact with local business leaders.
- Build relationships to help you accomplish your goals.
- Develop technology skills.
- This program is **free** and open to the community!
- Translation and child care provided*

Registration preferred by April 6, 2015
Call 760.934.0031 or email tnghuyen@monocoe.org

*Child care and language translation services will be provided free of charge with advance notice. Call to arrange.
*Cuidado de niños y servicio de idioma seran ofrecidos sin costo, con aviso previo. Por favor llamen si estan interesados.



Two locations available:
Mammoth Lakes & Walker/Coleville
Mono County Office of Education
Mono County Department of Social Services
Phone: 760.934.0031
E-mail: tnghuyen@monocoe.org

Plan. Practice. Succeed.

- Make a career plan.*
- Update your skills.*
- Improve your communication effectiveness.*

The Mono County Office of Education and Mono County Department of Social Services are teaming up to create a series of trainings to help you focus on your strengths and learn new skills.

You may attend all of these modules or select them individually based on your interests.

Training will be interactive, engaging and open to everyone. Come spend some time meeting new people and learning new skills.



**Module 1
Career Development**

- Explore Strengths
- Set Goals
- Discover Options
- Create a Plan

**Module 2
Job Search and Resume**

- Develop Networking Skills
- Explore Job Search Tools
- Create a Strong Resume
- Learn to Make Resources Work For You

**Module 3
Interviews**

- Learn Appropriate Attire
- Practice Confidence
- Learn How to Focus on Your Strengths
- Improve Communication Skills

**Module 4
Professionalism**

- Improve Customer Service Skills
- Practice Conflict Management
- Set Priorities
- Focus on Your Goals

**Session 1
Mammoth Lakes Library**
Tuesdays 1:00-4:30PM

April 14 - Module 1
May 5 - Module 2
May 26 - Module 3
June 16 - Module 4

**Session 2
Walker Wellness Center**
Thursdays 1:00-4:30PM

April 16 - Module 1
May 7 - Module 2
May 28 - Module 3
June 18 - Module 4

**Session 3
Mammoth Lakes Library**
Saturdays 1:00-4:30PM

April 18 - Module 1
May 9 - Module 2
May 30 - Module 3
June 20 - Module 4

See back for location maps.
Technology skills practiced in all modules.
A certificate is earned if all modules are completed.

These classes are open to the community, and they may be attended either as a complete series or individually based upon a person's needs and interests. A certificate is earned if all modules are completed. Please help spread the word so that we get good attendance/participation in our communities!

CONTACT: Jay Sloane, Workforce Development, (760) 924-1788



The poster features a scenic mountain landscape with a hiker on a trail. At the top right, a yellow banner says "FREE". The main title is "Workforce Education and Certificate Program". Below the title, a white box contains the slogan "Create your path to success!". At the bottom, there are logos for Mono County and an open book. A white box at the very bottom contains the text: "Free translation services and child care provided. Cuidado de niños y servicio de idioma seran ofrecidos sin costo."