



JFS of Metrowest
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JFS of Metrowest Receives Grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to Support New Work Force Development Initiative

Framingham, MA – July 1, 2015 – Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS) today announced that Tufts Health Plan Foundation has awarded JFS, in partnership with the Employment & Training Resource Center, a new two year Work Force Development grant, **Ready for Success: A Mid-Late Career Re-entry Program**. This funding will support the ‘back-to-work’ efforts of older mid-late career seekers, especially immigrants and minority workers who wish to return to work or secure a job better suited to their skills, income needs and interests. Ready for Success will address work readiness, job searches, resumes and skills training options as well as other barrier to employment and financial stability.

“Employment & Training Resources, a Massachusetts One Stop Career Center, is excited to have the opportunity to partner with Jewish Family Service to assist with job search assistance and job referral to a segment of our population that sometimes is overlooked, our older workers, with a focus on the older immigrant/minority population,” said Ellie Rose, Executive Director, Massachusetts One – Stop Career Centers. “ETR has had many years of experience successfully working with this population with excellent results. We are confident that this partnership will help provide the skills necessary for a positive re-entry back in to the workforce.”

In a recent press release, Nora Moreno Cargie, president of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation and vice president, corporate citizenship for Tufts Health Plan stated “Our goal is to partner strategically, in support of promising community collaborations, honoring thought leaders and work we trust will lead to greater impact.”

“JFS has partnered in the past with the Tufts Health Plan Foundation in healthy aging initiatives. This brand new focus is especially timely,” stated Marc Jacobs, CEO of JFS of Metrowest. “Mid-late career adults who have been left behind in the economy have significant challenges to re-employment. And the struggles are even more difficult for late career immigrants who have limited opportunities or access. JFS is enormously excited to have the opportunity to integrate its deep skills in working with both immigrants and elders in this new initiative.”

For more information, call JFS at 508-875-3100 or visit www.jfsmw.org.

About JFS of Metrowest

JFS a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to standing up for those left behind and provides services to over 4,500 people in need within the Metrowest region each year, including afterschool tutoring for at-risk children, nutrition assistance for low-income families, refugee resettlement case management and support services that enable frail older adults to live independently. To learn more about JFS visit www.jfsmw.org.

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