

# HANDS ON **EDUCATION** at **HYATT HOTELS AND RESORTS**

### JOHN L. FICCA PROGRAM DIRECTOR

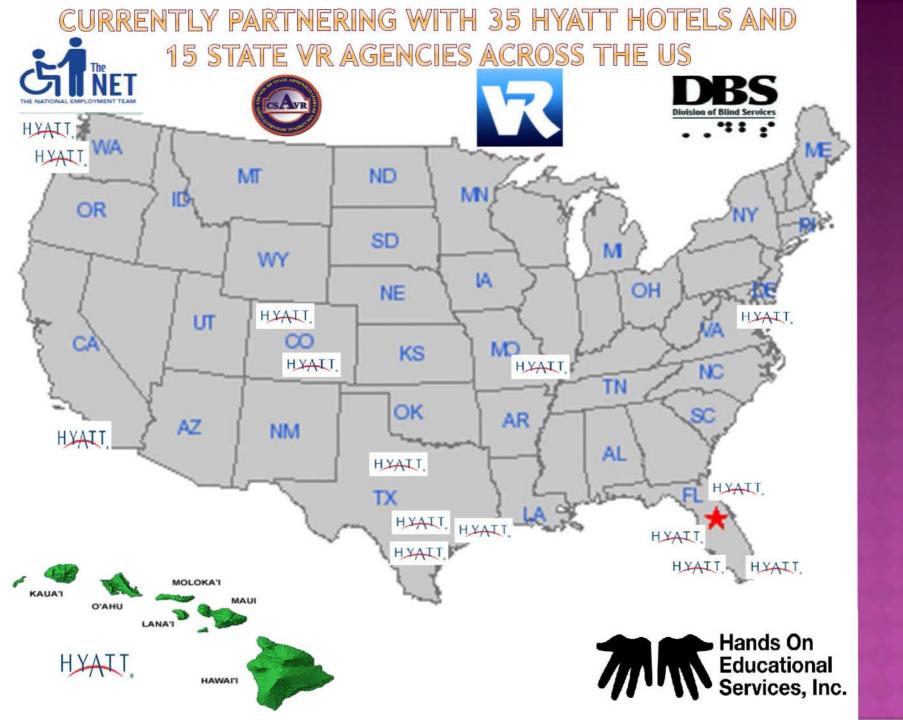


## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

State-Funded Alternative Training Program to prepare persons with disabilities for work in the Hospitality Industry

Started June 21,1998 at the Hyatt Regency Westshore - Tampa, FL

Made possible through a unique partnership between Hyatt Hotels and Resorts,
Hands On Educational Services, Inc.
FL Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
FL Division of Blind Services and
School District Transition Teams



## TRAINING DEPARTMENTS

- Culinary\*
- Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Storeroom Receiving
- Engineering
- Cafeteria Attendant
- PBX Operator



\* Denotes area where the majority of the students choose to train





## EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

- 1120 graduates have obtained employment
- Hyatt has hired over 250 graduates
- Opportunities for graduates in Hotels, Restaurants, Hospitals and Grocery Stores

Oct 2014 - Recognized as one of the top 10 Training and Employment Programs, for PWDs, by the White House Champions of Change Program

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## APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 18 years of age
- Must have documented disABILITY
- Be able to perform functions of job
- Background check completed for felonies or misdemeanors within past 7 years
- A High School Diploma or GED is NOT required (because they are not required by the industry)





## FEATURES OF PROGRAM

- Two weeks in duration (80 hours paid internship)
- Trainees are paid employees of Hyatt
  - Can list Hyatt as employment reference
- Receive Certificates of Completion
- Program includes uniforms, meals, etc.
- Train with best professionals in industry



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## CERTIFICATE EXAMPLE

### HANDS ON HOSPITALITY TRAINING PROGRAM

Hands On Educational Services, Inc.

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Has successfully completed the 100-hour vocational training course in the area of Culinary Arts

Signed and Certified this date

March 4, 2011

John L. Ficca Program Director

Byron Gabel Executive Chef Paul Joseph General Manager



#### FL Restaurant Assn Food Handler's Certification



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# HANDS ON SUCCESS STORY



- Andrew graduated Hands On @Hyatt in 2003
- ESE Student w/ Special Diploma
- Hired by Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
- 2005 left to help open a new local restaurant
- 2007 landed at Renaissance Hotel (by Marriott)
- 2011 Promoted to Exec Chef, Base Salary of 70K + Full Benefits Package



### HANDS ON SUCCESS STORY EXECUTIVE CHEF ANDREW BASCH



Link to 2 minute video

http://fusionproductionsinc.com/Che f\_Andrew\_CC/



### WIOA INSPIRED - HANDS ON VOCATIONAL EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM

- Similar to Hands On @ Hyatt
- 100 Hour Business-Based Experience
- Students are paid employees and covered by Workers Compensation
- Individualized Exploration Site Designed for each student - based on interest and abilities
- Not limited to Hyatt or Hospitality Industry Could be Chili's, Target, Sears, Home Depot, etc.







### WIOA INSPIRED - HANDS ON VOCATIONAL EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM

- Like CBT, but after School and on Weekends
- 16 hours / week x 5 weeks
- Example of Weekly Schedule: Tues / Thurs 4-8pm
   Saturday 10am to 6pm
- Full Shift on Weekend allows us to assess if the student is able to work full time hours and exposes student to the reality of retail and hospitality industry







### WIOA INSPIRED - HANDS ON VOCATIONAL EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM

- Vocational Exploration would include the Employment Essentials Training and Food Handlers Certification, if required for the position
- Student may return for a second Exploration with the same business partner
- Students receive completion certificates for each
   5 Week Vocational Exploration







### HANDS ON VOCATIONAL EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM **CERTIFICATE EXAMPLE**

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Hands On Educational Services, Inc.	a collaborative effort between Hands On Educational Services and Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Orlando, FL	GRAND CYPRESS
	Jane Doe	
	Has successfully completed the 100-hour vocational exploration in the area of Culinary Arts	
	Signed and Certified this date October 11, 2016	
John L. Ficca Program Director	David Didzunas Executive Chef	Pat Engfer General Manager









### TOGETHER - WE ARE ACCENTUATING THE "I" IN IEP AND IPE

Inclusive Employers















