

# CENTREVILLE LABOR RESOURCE CENTER

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## SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT

JUNE 2012

**CLRC 4TH OF JULY PICNIC, BULL RUN, 11-4:00! SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

**CIF BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012, 7:00 P.M., CLRC**

As expected, June experienced a bit of a downturn in jobs that went out of the CLRC. However, the decrease was not as drastic as we expected, especially when considering the hot summer weather that hit the area. Pages 4 and 5 of this report highlight our second quarter patterns, some of which are discussed below.

### ***New Trends: Workers Moving Off the Streets***

A trend we are following as of this quarter is the number of workers who are using the CLRC as their “social hub,” or a place to come and greet their comrades before heading out to work with an employer who is not registered with the CLRC for whatever reason. Although not ideal, we encourage this pattern, as it moves job pickups and waiting workers off the streets. On page 4, the quantity referring to “Pickups” in the first chart reflects those numbers.

Another notable shift is the employer ratio. From a first quarter’s distinct 2/3 homeowner to 1/3 contractor split, this quarter has shown a more balanced split in favor of contractors using the CLRC, which shows that our outreach to the contractor community is starting to pay off!

### ***Peer Education Project Update***

The CLRC Peer Education Project has been on a roll in June! Three painting workshops, a drywall demonstration, and a number of small carpentry projects have been completed. The workers constructed a box and a closet for storing all the tools that have been donated to the CLRC. We have also had a few workers check out tools for a refundable deposit to use on jobs.

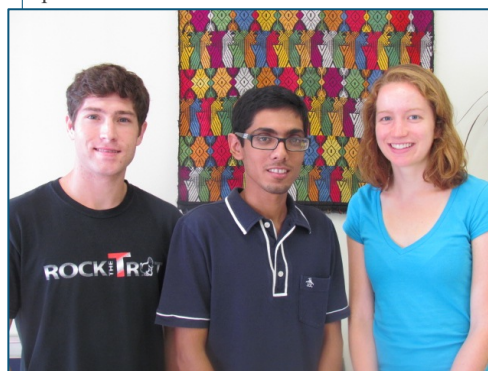
We expect to hold workshops more frequently in the fall. As this is a Peer Education Project, the collaboration of experienced workers to teach the workshops is key. However, many of our skilled workers have found work more often in the summer, leaving those who remain without guidance. If you are interested in volunteering your time to teach mini-workshops on such skills as painting, drywall, plumbing, tile etc., please let us know!

### ***Our Interns!***

This summer we are so happy to have three interns helping with the CLRC operations! Arjun Chauhan, Allison Brandt and Devin Crane have spent the past month getting to know the workers, assisting with operations, and supporting the mission of the CLRC in many ways! Each of our interns is featured on page 2. Please read about these extraordinary young people, and come by the CLRC in July to say hi!

### ***Fundraising Update***

In June, the CIF was a named recipient of the Herb Block Foundation Grant for \$15,000! The UCC Neighbors in Need Grant also awarded the CIF \$1000, and \$5000 from St. Mary of Sorrows! From other local churches we received \$2,500, and \$400 in individual donations this past month! Thank you for all of your support! The CIF is submitting two grants at the end of June: The Cafritz Foundation Grant, and the Causality Brand Grant.



***The CLRC’s Summer  
Interns for 2012: Devin  
Crane (GMU), Arjun  
Chauhan (VCU), and  
Allison Brandt  
(Gettysburg College).***



My name is Arjun Chauhan. After completing a year and a half of biology at Virginia Commonwealth University I realized that it was not for me, instead, I was intrigued by what people believe and why they believe it; so I switched my major to Religious Studies and began to study the academic aspects of religion. One theme that seems to resonate with all the religions I have looked at is horizontal reciprocity, while on Earth we have a duty to help our fellow humans succeed and flourish, in other words we must work together to create a society that provides each person with the same opportunities in life. This led to me discovering Social Justice, an idea that incorporates love, compassion and fairness into the world, with the goal of awarding each individual with the right to grow as a person. I feel that too often we hear that you must work hard to succeed and those who do not succeed simply do not put in enough effort; I do not see this as true. Hard work is a huge aspect of success but no one got to where they were without a

little help from a friend, teacher, family, or someone who supported them and helped them to grow. To me the CLRC is that friend in the community, getting the workers' jobs is of utmost importance because they clearly need that income to support themselves, but the center gives them more than just job opportunities. It allows the workers to learn from each other, reach out to people who have been in the area for a longer time, form friendships, and learn English, all of which help them get more jobs. Without this support they would be treading water and not advancing. Being an immigrant to the United States myself I realize that without the various people that assisted my family and myself we may not have been able to have the life we enjoy now, we even had the advantage of all speaking fluent English, which many workers do not have. Along with the center helping the workers, the center would not be what it is without help from them, I know that in my short time here I have learned a lot about Guatemala that I don't know how I would have learned otherwise. It has also opened my eyes to how much these people risk simply for the chance to improve their family's standard of life, which they should be applauded for; and we, as Americans and human beings, have a responsibility to assist them in making their hopes a reality, as best we can.

I'm Allison Brandt, a rising senior at Gettysburg College where I am double majoring in Sociology and Spanish. I spent the fall studying in Salamanca, Spain, where I was fully immersed in a Hispanic culture, living with a family and using Spanish around the clock. I could not have asked for a better organization and group of individuals to be working with than the CLRC and its staff to have first-hand experience in something that I feel passionate about. I have really enjoyed getting to know the workers, volunteers and community as a whole, witnessing how they all come together for a common mission. I look forward to spending the next six weeks at the CLRC and to see what the future brings to this group!



I'm Devin Crane. I am a public administration graduate student at George Mason University. After spending this past fall traveling and studying Spanish throughout Costa Rica and Nicaragua, I became interested in international development in Latin America. This January I will start a 27-month adventure of service abroad in the Peace Corps (country yet to be determined) as part of the Masters International program. As an Alexandria native, I sought out a hands-on summer internship in the area where I could improve my Spanish, learn about different cultures, meet great people, and contribute to a meaningful community mission. This experience has already been a wonderful *intercambio* (exchange), as we recently started an interview project to engage with the CLRC members and gain understanding of their personal histories and hopes for the future.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>2</b> Résumés: 9-11 ESL: 10-11	<b>3</b> ESL: 8-9:30	<b>4</b> CLRC Open at 6 a.m.! <b>**CLRC</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Fiesta</b> <b>at Bull Run</b> <b>Park**</b> <b>Pavilion 11, 11-4</b> <b>(see below)</b>	<b>5</b> ESL: 9-12	<b>6</b> ESL: 10-12	<b>7</b>
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<b>16</b> Résumés: 9-11 ESL: 10-11	<b>17</b> ESL: 8-9:30	<b>18</b> ESL: 7-9	<b>19</b> ESL: 9-12	<b>20</b> Business and Community Impact Meeting	<b>21</b>
<b>23</b> Résumés: 9-11 ESL: 10-11	<b>24</b> ESL: 8-9:30  <b>CIF Board</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m., CLRC</b>	<b>25</b> ESL: 7-9	<b>26</b> ESL: 9-12	<b>27</b> ESL: 10-12	<b>28</b>
<b>30</b> Résumés: 9-11 ESL: 10-11	<b>31</b> ESL: 8-9:30				

**\*\*The CLRC Bull Run 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will be held at Pavilion #11 from 11-4:00. Bring your family, friends, some food to share and join in the celebration! We can use help with transporting CLRC members to and/or from the Park, and will accept donations to offset the costs of food, pavilion rental, charcoal, etc.**

**Please contact us at [Contact@CentrevilleLRC.org](mailto:Contact@CentrevilleLRC.org) or 703.543.6272 if you can help in one way or another!**

Check out our new website! <http://CentrevilleLRC.org>

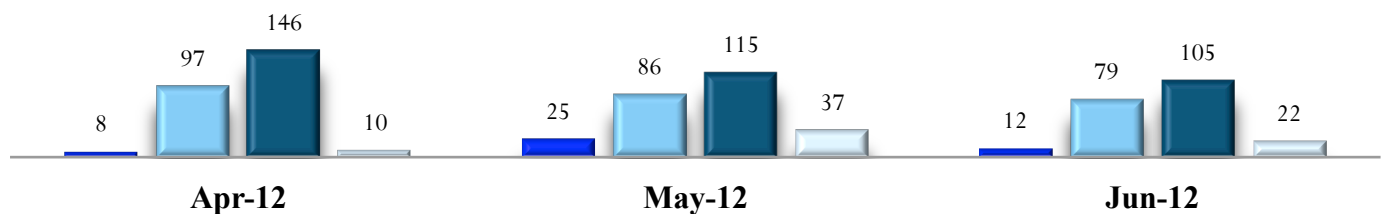
Remember to share the work we do with your family, friends, and neighbors!

You can follow the Labor Resource Center on Facebook, at <https://www.facebook.com/CentrevilleLRC>

Highlights are also featured on the CIF Twitter feed: [@CvilleImmgtnFrm](https://twitter.com/CvilleImmgtnFrm)

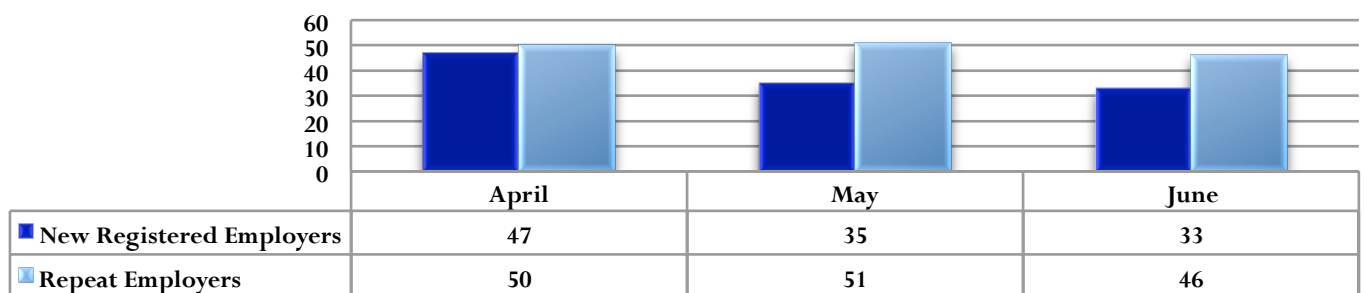
## Total Inquiries, Jobs Out, and Workers Out of the CLRC

- Inquiries (about employing through CLRC or about CLRC services)
- Total Jobs Out through the CLRC with Registered Employers
- Total Workers Out with Jobs through CLRC with Registered Employers
- \*Total Pickups of Workers with Non-Registered Employers

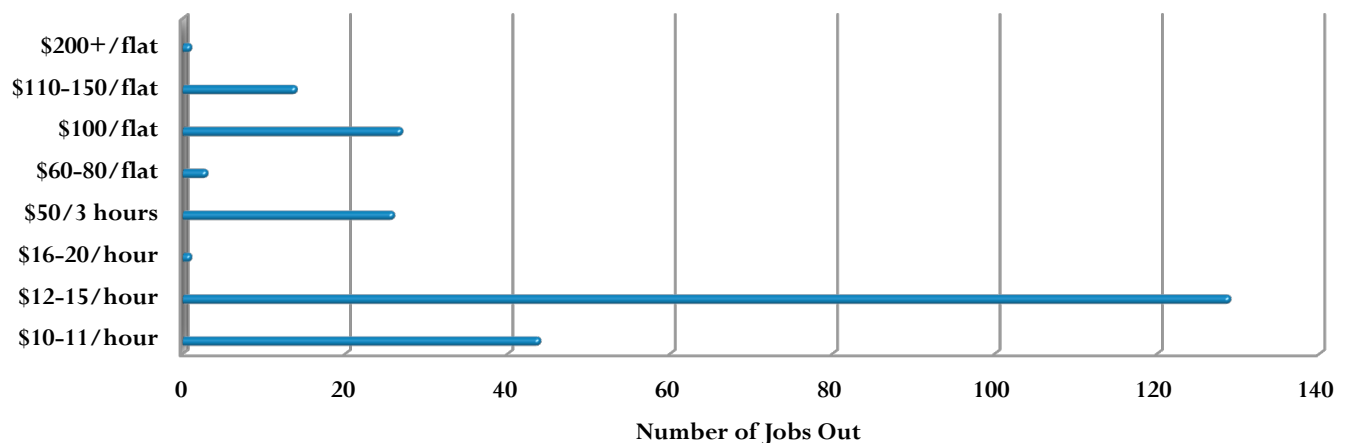


\*as discussed on page 1 of report

## Repeat Employers and Newly Registered Employers' Use of the CLRC

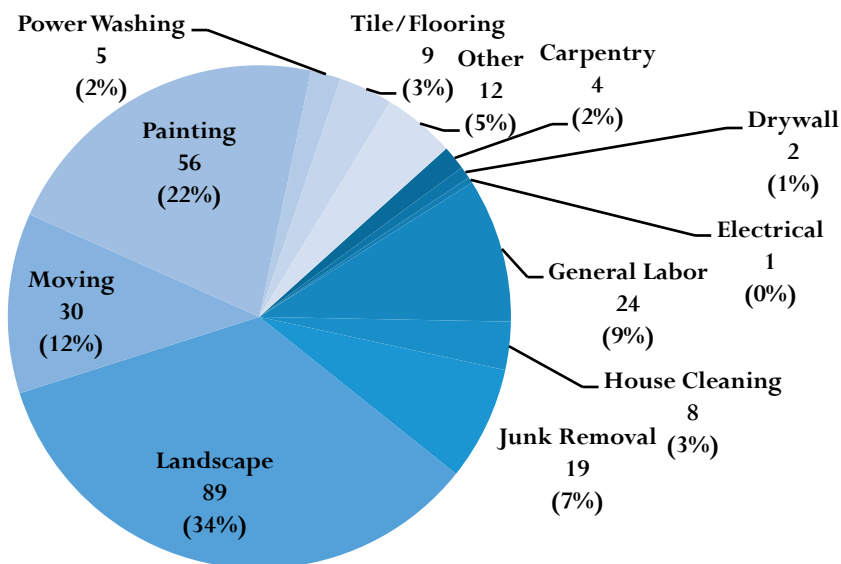


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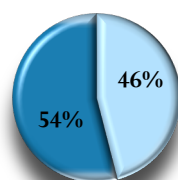



# Quantity of Jobs Out through the CLRC, April 1-June 30, 2012



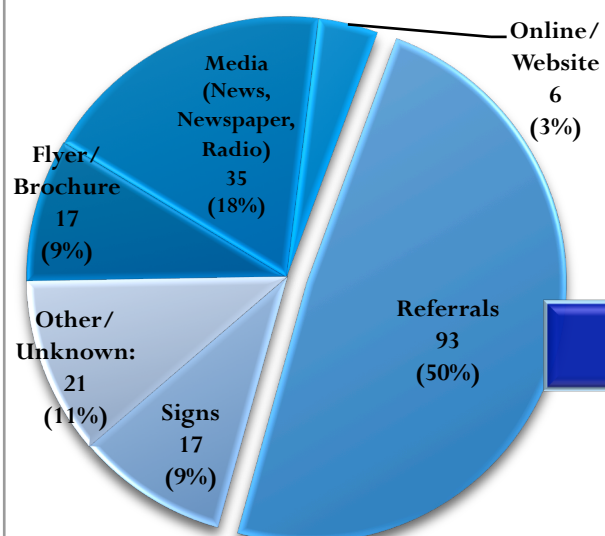
## April 1-June 30 Newly Registered Employer Profiles with the CLRC

 Homeowners (those hiring for work on their own property).



 Contractors (those hired by others, companies or homeowners, for work).

## Publicity Mediums: How Employers Learn about the CLRC



## Types of Referrals

