

Volunteers of America

Reno Works

**A joint workforce development
program by VOA & City of Reno**



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Two 9-week sessions to address:

1. Temporary employment including safety and work training
2. Employability skills training
3. Long term employment support
4. Wrap-around case management and mentoring to address underlying factors in unemployment and homelessness.

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Each of the two work crews will include ten shelter clients who will provide a variety of services to the City of Reno with the primary focus on the Truckee River region.

Pilot program
for 20 clients

GOAL: Each client will
secure employment and
housing.

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Information about the program has been posted at all shelters. Clients will be referred to the program by a case manager and will:

- Reside at a shelter
- Undergo a formal application screening process, including a job interview.



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As employees of VOA, the clients will receive:

- Work safety training
- Resume and employment assistance
- Housing referral services
- VOA employment orientation



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Crew members will:

- work 3 days/week, 6 hours/day
- earn \$10/hour and will be paid bi-weekly
- receive training and other services the other 2 days/week

Experience

VOA successfully operates these similar programs:

- Crew Based (joint project with City of Oakland)
- Golden State Works (joint project with CalTrans and Calif. Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation)

VOA also operates workforce development programs at Mather Community Campus in Sacramento.

Results

Upon completing the program, crew members will:

- Receive certification of program completion and a letter of recommendation.
- Have received training, employment assistance, and housing referral services.

The goal is for each crew member to secure employment and housing.

Reno Works Team

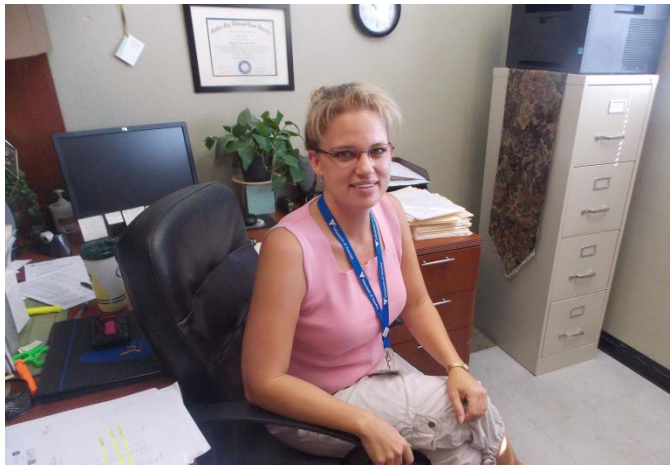


**Darren Hinds,
Crew Supervisor**



**Tyrome Ward,
Men's Shelter Manager**

Reno Works Team



**Angela Sommers, Case
Manager/Housing Specialist**



**Patrick Cashell,
Regional Director**



*“Thank you for helping us reach
our full potential.”*

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