



## Accomplishments

- 2011: National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) presented the 2011 H.G. Weisman Award to Sal Adamski. H.G. Weisman Award, named after the organization's founding member, is granted at the discretion of the NAWDP Board Chair. It celebrates an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of workforce development and has provided exemplary service to NAWDP.
- 2011: The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) selected Tarrant County as the winner of the 2011 Workforce Excellence Award – Regional Category. This award was submitted by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County on behalf of the Workforce Development and Workforce Governing Board.
- 2010: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with \$100,000 at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for being the most improved in Child Care Administration.
- 2010: The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) selected the Tarrant County CNC Machinist Consortium as a co-winner of the 2010 Workforce Excellence Award – Regional Category. This award was submitted by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County on behalf of the consortium.
- 2009: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was award with \$50,000 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual TWC Conference for the Service to Workers Award in recognition of the Premier Rapid Response Team.
- 2009: The Project WISH (Workforce Innovative Solutions to Homelessness) Employer Consortium received the Texas Transitional Workforce Award at the Texas Workforce Commission's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.
- 2009: Andre Johnson, Special Projects Manager for the Project WISH Program (Homeless Initiative) was honored with the Jodi Spiegel Enhancement of Customer Service Award at the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) National Conference
- 2008: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County nominated Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth for Employer of the Year at the Annual TWC Conference. Plaza Medical took home the award that year.
- 2008: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded the Theodore E. Small Workforce Partnership Award by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB).

- 2007: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$50,000 for services to workers award in recognition of partnered with United Way Northeast, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and a group of concerned citizens representing the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford to create a transportation service for residents in these towns without access to a mass transit systems.
- 2007: Workforce Solutions For Tarrant County awarded a \$1 million dollar grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to further the work of the Aerospace Cluster.
- 2007: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County selected to present the “Gotta Jet?” program at the NAWB Innovations Forum in Washington D.C.
- 2006: Workforce Improvement Director Sal Adamski has served as the Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) for two terms. NAWDP was founded to provide professional development and representation to the individuals who work in the workforce development field, with a special emphasis on front-line staff. NAWDP now has over 4,500 members across the United States.
- 2006: TWC Statewide Conference – John Peter Smith Hospital in partnership with Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County, Inc., a WSTC subcontractor receives the Service to Transitional Workers statewide award.
- 2006: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$50,000 for services to workers award in recognition of innovative fatherhood initiatives in collaboration with other community organizations.
- 2005: Sal Adamski, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County’s Business Development Unit Director, was elected as the NAWDP (National Association of Workforce Development Professionals) organization’s president.
- 2005: Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County received the ADDY Award from the American Advertising Federation.
- 2004: Commissioner Rath presented Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with \$100,000 for best overall performance of a large board area & \$50,000 for outstanding service to business.
- 2004: The Department of Labor awarded Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with the DOL Regional Administrator’s Special Recognition Award in recognition of goals accomplished as a recipient of a USDOL Work Incentive Grant.
- 2004: The Career Steps Program of Family Pathfinders, a Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County sub-contractor, won the Texas Economic Development Council’s Best Practices Award. *(Submitted by Kay Gollihugh)*
- 2004: Lisa Witkowski, Board Staff, received the 2003 Rosie Mauk Award presented by the Camp Fire Council. This award recognizes significant contributions to the improvement of child care or conditions, which affect children.

- 2003-2004: 1 of 14 sites selected for the Workforce Innovation Network's (WIN's) National Demonstration Project. The focus of the project is to provide a replicable, sustainable model for an employer led, integrated workforce development system. The primary component of the project is the Center for Workforce Preparedness, which opened in April 2004 on the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) Campus.
- 2003: 1<sup>st</sup> workforce area to partner with the Attorney General for Child Support Enforcement under the Fatherhood Initiatives integrated with the Food Stamp Employment & Training (FSE&T) Program and Project RIO.
- 2003: Made great strides and developed models for working with people with disabilities.
- 2003: Leader in Charitable Choice Initiatives as reported to the State of Texas.
- 2003: *The Community of Leaders - CEO/Principal Partnership* won the "Workforce Best Practices Merit Recognition Award" from Texas Economic Development Council April 24, 2003. The project was a joint effort between Work Advantage Board and Education Service Center - Region XI. (*Submitted by Judy Bell*)
- 2002: The Dallas Workforce Board awarded Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County with the Worksource Partner Award.
- 2002: Paul Cobb, Disability Coordinator with the Board staff, was named as one of the co-chairs for the Texas Disability Steering Committee by the National Institute for Literacy.
- 2002: National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) presented to Jill Navarette, Senior Director of Board Operations, with the System Building Award.
- 2001: Received the Business Results Award for the Alliance Opportunity Center, presented by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- 2001: Received the Leadership Award presented by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- 2001: Both the Board and Former Chair, Steve Palko, were recognized by the State House of Representatives for exemplary leadership in the workforce development arena.
- 2000: Tarrant County Family Pathfinders gave Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County an award acknowledging our outstanding volunteers and participation in the program.
- 2000: National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) awarded a joint Theodore E. Small award to Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, Northcentral and Dallas Workforce Board for their joint work on the DFW Work Coalition.
- 2000: Received the Workforce Award of Excellence for the Alliance Opportunity Center, presented by the National Association of Counties (NACO).

- 2000: Received the Workforce Board of the Year Award, presented by the National Alliance of Business (NAB).
- 2000: Steve Palko, Former Board Chair, received the Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by the National Alliance of Business (NAB).
- 1999: Recognized by Goodwill Industries as a Community Partner.
- 1998: Board is awarded a second round \$3.2 million dollar Welfare to Work discretionary grant (Submitted by Jann Miles)
- Received the High Performance Award presented by the Texas Workforce Commission
- Recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission as the Workforce Center with Best Performance for Persons with Disabilities.