



REVEALED:

CareerSource in Tampa Bay and Pinellas misrepresent job placement numbers and waste millions of tax dollars in the process.

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- CareerSource in Tampa Bay and Pinellas were exposed for taking credit for finding thousands of jobs for people they never helped.
- They did this by gathering job hiring lists from local companies and claiming they helped those new employees to secure the position.
- There were jobs listed that typically did not need help filling. Among those were doctors, pharmacists, psychiatrists, lawyers, security guards, sheriff's deputies, and even a Vice President of a company.
- One large company could verify fewer than **15** of the **3,353** people these agencies reported as having helped place at the company.
- The agencies' own attorney stated that close to half of the local agencies' job placements could be discredited.
- Since the news broke, multiple companies have either cut ties with the agencies, or are reviewing their relationship.
- Both agencies received **\$742,000** in state incentives over the past three years for their inflated job placement numbers.
- **Edward Peachey, the suspended president and CEO of both agencies, has said they have done nothing wrong, stating the DEO should have caught any discrepancies.**

TAX DOLLARS WASTED:

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- Another way they inflated their job placement numbers was by giving away **\$6 million** in Visa cards and gas cards meant for those who needed financial help, but instead were used as bribes for people who provided them with new-hire information.
- Nearly **700** individuals received **\$1,000** or more, many of whom already had jobs and never asked these agencies for help.
- One man received **28** cards worth **\$3,700**, even though the centers never helped him.
- Workers also mailed out thousands of cards, totaling more than **\$240,000**, without checking to make sure they reached the intended recipients.
- That's not all, the two agencies created a cut-throat environment, fueled by bonuses and incentives, to maintain their inflated job placement numbers.
- Workers could earn up to **\$16,800** annually, or almost **50%** more of their **\$35,000** salary, for exceeding certain benchmarks.
- The payout total for the two agencies reached **\$3.1 million**, including **\$1.2 million** in annual bonuses and another **\$1.9 million** in incentives for helping the agencies boost their placement numbers.
- **In total, CareerSource in Tampa Bay and Pinellas spent about \$9.1 million of taxpayer dollars on bonuses and gift cards in order to lie to DEO about their effectiveness.**



ANNUAL BONUSES

\$1.2 M



INCENTIVES

\$1.9 M



GIFT CARDS

\$6 M

TOTAL

\$9.1 M

THE **FLORIDA HOUSE** HAS FOUGHT HARD TO PROTECT TAXPAYER DOLLARS. OVER THE PAST TWO SESSIONS, WE HAVE CHAMPIONED COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES TO ENSURE TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT EFFECTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY.