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ACCC finds new home

Staff at the **Adult Career Counseling Center** (ACCC) recently opened the doors to their new digs in the Education and Human Services Building, welcoming visitors to their annual open house.

The gathering is designed "just to let people know who we are, what we do and that we're here," said Jane Goodman, ACCC director.

For counselors and staff, the new location provides a bright, welcoming space conducive to the type of intense counseling that goes on within ACCC walls.

"We have a very professional setting here," McCarthy said. "It's a pretty heavenly place to be."

The center provides free counseling to any adult in the community trying to find or change careers. Four graduate assistants serve as counselors, guiding clients through a wide range of resources geared toward helping people in all stages of the job search process. The center does not, however, offer job placement. It serves solely as an informational guidance resource.

The ACCC serves a variety of individuals, from recent college graduates in search of a profession to older adults in need of a change. Last year, the majority of clients were women in transition – stay-at-home moms needing to supplement family incomes or women re-entering the workforce.

"This year, we're dealing with people who were laid off," said Kelly McCarthy, career adviser. "We're seeing a lot more men."

For people lost in the employment wilderness, the ACCC can offer a reassuring hand out of the confusion.

"Most people come in and are lost," Goodman said. But by the end of the first appointment, counselors have made initial assessments and begun taking steps to get the client back on track. Over an average of six meetings, the ACCC will do everything from administer skills assessment and personality tests to revamp resumes and help clients brush up on their interview tactics.

SUMMARY

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