

I JUST DON'T GET IT.....

I am writing this in reference to the difficulties involved with obtaining employment in the local area.

I am a tax paying Clarendon County resident and have lived here since 2009 when my husband and I moved here from Pennsylvania. I reside down off 260 towards the dam. Me and my husband are both retired and have family from up north that visits regularly. In September 2014 my 88 year old mother had a stroke and we moved her down here to live with us since she requires round the clock care.

This past August 2015, one of my son's and his family moved down here to help with the care of my mother. He had been laid off at his pipefitting job in Pennsylvania in early 2015 and since he had visited here in the past and had seen how our state and governor had boasted about all the jobs that had come to SC in the last 6 years under Governor Haley's term he felt sure he would be able to find employment. Since moving here in August 2015 he has been unable to find anything and cannot even get a return call from any of the businesses' he has applied to. He has filed online with the ONESTOP Unemployment offices in both Sumter and Clarendon counties and has put several applications in at various business's that advertised they were either expanding or hiring, such as Continental Tire, Thompson Industries, UniFirst Corporation, Georgia Pacific, Glasscock trucking and BCA (Bicycle Co. of America ) and Meritor in the Clarendon Industrial park and several others I cannot remember right off hand.

He has passed drug tests and background checks several times and each place said they would be in touch and call him back but never once did a single one call back. He would then see in the paper that the place was hiring and he would call or go by again and get the same response. My son is 41 years old and has worked all his adult life with no issues up north and never had trouble finding employment until moving to SC. Since coming to this state he has been unable to even get a courtesy return call from any business.

**Where are all these jobs in SC and how does someone go about getting one??** This state and these companies are misleading the residents of these counties when they are advertising available jobs yet turning away people who are ready, willing and able to work. I just don't understand this and would like an explanation from our local, state and federal legislatures that are constantly giving praise for all the job growth in this state.

*I am an abate member  
and have heard you speak  
several times and thought  
you may be able to help  
with this situation.  
Thank you.*

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