

Older workers show value



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Allie Masters (left), special projects coordinator for Maricopa Workforce Connections, talks with Suki Schmelzer (right) during a job fair for "mature workers" in Scottsdale on Wednesday.

Job fair connects aging boomers with employers

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Sixty-year-old Liz Anderson has been out of a job for months.

Despite years of experi-

ence in banking, public relations, customer service and bookkeeping, she can't find anyone to hire her.

"It's my age," she said. "Employers stay away from older workers because of insurance costs,

which are criminally astronomical. And I can't blame them."

In hopes of changing her luck, Anderson drove from her home in Peoria to the Galleria Corporate Center on Wednesday to

attend a job fair geared toward baby boomers.

Anderson was among about 600 people of all ages who attended the event sponsored by Scottsdale

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