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Dress for Success Executive Director Barbara Attridge addresses supporters at Thursday's grand opening of the group's new Patricia Whiting Career Center at 1532 N.E. 37th Ave, Suite B. The nearly 15-year-old organization helps disadvantaged women find employment by providing them professional clothing and job skills free of charge.

Improving Lives

Dress for Success expands with career center debut

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Dress for Success, a northeast Portland program designed to help disadvantaged women break into the corporate world with style, celebrated the debut of their brand new Patricia Whiting Career Center on Thursday. Low income women who utilize the services of the non-profit are

provided business-appropriate clothing, taking one of the big financial burdens off the job-hunting table. The clothes are donated by the community.

With the new career center at 1532 N.E. 37th Ave., Suite B, clients now have access to career search and job retention services in addition to individualized assistance with resumes

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Driving a Social Agenda at the Bus Project

New executive for youth advocacy group

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There's a new driver at the Bus, well at least a new leader. The social justice and activist group, the Bus Project, recently named Tara Sulzen as their new executive director.

"I think at its core the Bus is a leadership development program. It gives young leaders the tools they need to make change," Sulzen says.

The non-partisan and non-profit organization, founded in 2002, organizes young people across the state to engage in voting, volunteering, and campaigning around issues young people care about like prison reform, tuition equity, and voter access.

Sulzen, 28, was once a summer fellow with The Bus Project's feature program Politicorps, which equips young folks with hands-on experience around grassroots organizing. She then went on to become



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Tara Sulzen drives the social justice agenda at The Bus Project. She is the non-profit's new executive director.

outreach director for the land use organization 1000Friends of Oregon.

Sulzen hopes to build on and continue the group's commitment to issues around social justice, something she thinks is only enhanced with an increasingly diverse and socially aware generation.

"The millennial generation is more diverse than any generation of the past," she says. "The work of

The Bus is only possible by strengthening our existing relationships with organizations rooted in communities of color, like the Urban League of Portland and Causa (Oregon's migrant rights organization), and making sure we don't stray from our original mission of justice for all people."

For more information, visit the Bus Project website busproject.org.