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Waterbury Job Center Offers October Employment and Training Workshops

WETHERSFIELD, September 17, 2014 – The Connecticut Department of Labor and the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (NRWIB) are offering a variety of training and employment workshops in October to assist Waterbury-area residents. Events are held at the Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Avenue. Please contact the Job Center at (203) 437-3380 to register. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. The following workshops are now being offered:

Northwest Connecticut Construction Careers: This information session is aimed at individuals seeking employment in construction-related fields. It will provide a review of pre-employment and job training requirements.
October 2 (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
October 16 (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Pre-Manufacturing Certification Orientation: This information session is for anyone seeking employment in manufacturing and related trades. The session will provide a review of this pre-employment preparation - job training program for potential participants.
October 16 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

LinkedIn: Attendees will create a profile on a professional networking website. Learn the advantages of a digital presence in today’s job market. Participants must have a valid email address.
October 14 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Cover Letters: Participants will learn how to write effective cover letters for their résumés that can often be instrumental for a successful job search.
October 10 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Free Basic Computer Courses – contact the United Labor Agency at (203) 755-8745.

Free Financial Aid Review offered by Community College CT Talent Assistance Cooperative Educational Opportunity Center (CONNTAC) – contact Arlette Taylor at (203) 574-1140.

Free GED classes (NRWIB) – contact the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board at (203) 574-6971.

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**Simentor On-Line tutorial:** In this first come/first served workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to view “self-paced” tutorials on résumé writing, interviewing skills, job retention and job seeking skills for ex-offenders.

**October 2** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 6** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 9** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 16** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 20** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 23** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 27** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)
**October 30** (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

**Over 40 & Looking for Work:** Participants will discuss the challenges and employer expectations for older workers and develop strategies to successfully mitigate possible stereotyping that may occur during the hiring process.

**October 24** (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

**Résumé Basics:** Learn about important résumé sections, including formatting and the pros and cons of different styles.

**October 3** (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
**October 22** (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

**Job Search Strategies:** Participants will develop a successful plan; tools and information to conduct an effective job search.

**October 21** (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

**Résumé Critiques:** This first come/first served, 15–minute session will provide participants with the opportunity to have their résumé critiqued by Certified Professional Résumé Writers. A typed working résumé is required.

**October 3** (9 – 10 a.m.)
**October 10** (9 – 10 a.m.)
**October 17** (9 – 10 a.m.)
**October 24** (9 – 10 a.m.)
**October 31** (9 – 10 a.m.)

**On-Line Applications #1:** Avoid getting screened out by knowing what employers expect in an online application.

**October 28** (1 – 3 p.m.)

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Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) assessment: MBTI, as it is often referred to, is an assessment tool that links personality type to career choices. This workshop is designed for those changing careers or anyone wishing to learn about personality styles and how they impact career choices.
October 28 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Advanced Résumé: Enhance the content of your current résumé by refining your summary/profile, keywords, accomplishments and achievements.
October 17 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Interviewing Techniques: Geared toward helping participants increase their understanding of the interview process and how to best address challenging questions.
October 31 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Pardon Process: This workshop presented by Statewide Legal Services, is geared toward individuals with criminal records who are interested in the pardon process.
October 24 (9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Networking Group: Learn firsthand the benefits of networking within a local group of jobseekers and beyond. The goal is to expand your job search to new levels – consistent with today’s job market.
October 2 (1 – 4 p.m.)
October 16 (1 – 4 p.m.)
October 30 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Stress Management: Participants will identify types of stress/coping strategies often related to the job search.
October 8 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Health and Life Science Career Orientation: Explore potential training opportunities in the Health and Life Sciences fields offered through the Community College system.
October 2 (1:30 – 3 p.m.)
October 9 (1:30 – 3 p.m.)

H1B Technical Skills Training Orientation: Review the eligibility requirements and potential opportunities for mid-level skills training in Information Technology (IT), Health Care (IT), and Advanced Manufacturing. This session may be of particular interest to long term unemployed jobseekers with some college credits.
October 7 (2 – 3 p.m.)
October 21 (2 – 3 p.m.)

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