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# Labor Department Highlights Employment Services During November Career Development Month

WETHERSFIELD, October 23, 2015 – Connecticut Department of Labor employees invite residents to stop by and take advantage of the employment services the agency offers – whether in-person or online – during November, which has been officially designated as “Career Development Month.”

Taking note of a proclamation signed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy marking November as Career Development Month, State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer reminds everyone that *American Job Centers* located throughout the state provide individuals with services that include career counseling, résumé writing assistance, skills assessments, and job search tips. They can also take part in workshops ranging from successful negotiating tactics to computer skills.

“Whether a person is unemployed and seeking a new job, looking for a better position, or thinking about making a career change, employment services are available to anyone visiting a job center, or our website, [www.ct.gov/dol](http://www.ct.gov/dol), that offers a variety of employment information,” Palmer said.

In his Official Statement, Governor Malloy notes:

“A robust and highly skilled workforce is essential to maintain Connecticut’s standing as a competitive leader in cutting edge economic innovation and growth ... Career development is necessary for children as they expand their awareness of the working world, for youth exploring educational and career options, and for adults faced with workplace challenges, change and the need for lifelong learning; it is clear that informed decision-making and planning are keys to career success.”

In addition to the Labor Department, a number of state agencies and organizations are involved in recognizing Career Development Month, including the Connecticut State Board of Regents, Departments of Community-Technical Colleges, Economic Development, Education, Higher Education, Veterans Affairs, Connecticut Career Resource Network, Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, Connecticut State University System, Connecticut Technology Council, Connecticut State Library, Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association, and the Connecticut School Counselor Association.

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“Connecticut Department of Labor employees want to get the word out to each resident and business in our state that we are here to assist them,” Palmer said. “Whether you are a newcomer to the job market or an employer looking to expand, we’re here to lend a helping hand. The majority of our services are offered at no cost, including recruitment events, career fairs and labor market statistics, as well as employer tax credits, incentive programs and recruitment assistance.”

Workshops offered in November at *American Job Centers* include:

- Bridgeport: *Résumé Critique* on Nov. 6, 13 and 20, and *LinkedIn Lab* on November 13.
- Hamden: *Fundamentals of Résumé Writing* on November 4 and 20, and *Interviewing Techniques & Strategies* on November 5 and 25.
- Hartford: *Successful Job Search Strategies* on November 6 and *Interviewing Techniques* on November 20.

Additional employment workshops can be found at: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/ctworks/cldrloc.htm>. *American Job Center* locations include: **Bridgeport**: 2 Lafayette Square; **Danielson**: 95 Westcott Road; **Enfield**: 786 Enfield Street; **Hamden**: 37 Marne Street; **Hartford**: 3580 Main Street; **Meriden**: 85 West Main Street; **New Britain**: 260 Lafayette Street; **New London**: Shaw’s Cove Six; **Norwich**: 113 Salem Turnpike, Suite 200; **Torrington**: 685 Main Street; **Waterbury**: 249 Thomaston Avenue; **Willimantic**: 1320 Main Street, Tyler Square; **Ansonia**: 4 Fourth Street, **Danbury**: 4 Liberty Street; **Derby**: 33 Elizabeth Street; **Manchester**, 893 Main Street; **New Haven**, 560 Ella T. Blvd.; and **Stamford**, 1642 Bedford Street.

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