



Torrington American Job Center Offers February Employment and Training Workshops

WETHERSFIELD, January 24, 2019 – The Connecticut Department of Labor and the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board are offering a variety of training and employment workshops to area residents in February. Events are held at the Torrington *American Job Center*, 59 Field Street. Please contact the phone numbers listed to register. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. In addition to these workshops, the Resource Room continues to offer job-related Internet access and online application assistance. The following workshops are now being offered:

Health Professions Opportunity Grant Orientation: Learn about careers in the healthcare field through the Careers Advancement Project. Eligible participants can receive training that will assist them in securing a job (and advance along a career) in the healthcare field. Call (203) 574-6971 x435 to register.
February 7 (10 – 11 a.m.)

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Information Session: Participants can review process and eligibility requirements for funding of job training programs through this federal employment initiative. No appointment is needed.
February 7, 14, 21 and 28 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Northwest Connecticut Community College (NCCC) – Learn all about NCC programs. Walk-ins welcome!
February 7, 14, 21 and 28 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS): Offers one-on-one appointments to review services/eligibility. The goal is to assist individuals with medical barriers to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. Call (860) 496-3500 to register for the orientation.
February 21 (3 – 4 p.m.)

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Computer Basics: Learn to use the mouse, keyboard, practice typing, navigate websites, set-up an email account, and learn about employment resources available through the Department of Labor website. Microsoft tutorials are available. Call (860) 496-3500 to register.

February 22 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Northwest Connecticut Construction Careers: Offers an orientation for individuals seeking employment in construction-related fields. The session includes a review of pre-employment and job training criteria. Call (203) 574-6971 x434 to register.

February 27 (9 – 10 a.m.)

Veterans' Representative appointments: Eligible veterans can receive veteran-specific re-employment services. Contact Department of Labor Veterans' Representative Giancarlo Castagne at (203) 437-3294 or Veterans' Representative Michael Mariano at (203) 437-3297 to make an appointment, or visit the *Waterbury American Job Center*.

OSHA-10 Certification Class: Participants will attend a two-day, 10-hour class to acquire an OSHA-10 Occupational Safety and Health training certificate. Classes are held at 77 Bishop Street, Waterbury, at the OIC Center. Call (203) 574-6971 for Larry Devito (x461) or Joe Diorio (x434) for information.

Disability Resource Coordinator: Meet with a staff person to learn how to access the various programs that offer services and supports needed to obtain and maintain employment. The emphasis is on abilities, not *disabilities*. Contact Gary Madison at gary.madison@nrwib.org or (203) 574-6971 x442.

ITXpress Program: Learn about training, credentials and employment opportunities through the TechHire ITXpress Program. Eligible participants can qualify to receive training that will assist them in securing a job in the Information Technology field (software developer, IT security, or computer programmer). Contact Angelo Santa Maria at angelo.santamaria@nrwib.org or (203) 574-6971 x465.

Ticket to Work – Orientation for Persons receiving SSI or SSDI benefits (NRWIB): Information for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries, their friends and families, about advantages of participating in the Social Security Ticket to Work program. The *American Job Center* is an approved Ticket Employment Network. There is no obligation. Contact Gary Madison at gary.madison@nrwib.org or (203) 574-6971 x442 to register.

Free GED Classes: Call ED Advance at (860) 567-0863 about registering to attend free GED classes hosted at the Torrington *American Job Center* from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

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