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WATERBURY AMERICAN JOB CENTER OFFERS FREE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER

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WATERBURY – The Connecticut Department of Labor is offering a variety of employment and training workshops to assist Waterbury-area residents in October at the Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Avenue.

Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. To register for these no-cost workshops, please go to CTHires.com or call the numbers below.

Health Professions Opportunity Grant Orientation: Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 from 10 – 11 a.m.

Learn about careers in healthcare. Participants can receive training to assist in securing a job in the healthcare field. Call 20- 574-6971 ext. 435 to register.

National External Diploma Program (NEDP): Oct. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 8:15 a.m. – noon. Naugatuck Adult Education offers this web-based program for adults and out-of-school youth to earn their high school diploma. Classes are held at the Waterbury AJC. Call 203-720-5282 for more information.

ITXpress Program: Oct. 2 and Oct. 16 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Learn about training, credentials and employment opportunities available 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 ext. 465.

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) and Board of Education Services for the Blind (BESB):
BESB – October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9 a.m. – noon. BRS – October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Meet with BRS and BESB staff at the *AJC* or call to set up an appointment to discuss job search-related issues and support services for jobseekers that may require and qualify for the special services these two agencies provide. Call BESB staff person at 860-602-4032 or Call BRS staff person at 203-578-4550.

Job Corps' - Vocational Training Info Session: October 3, 10, 17, 24, or 31 from 10 – 10:45 a.m.
Youth ages 16-24 can find out more about Job Corps' free trainings in 50 different trades. Contact 1-800-733-5627 for more information.

Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC): October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Meet with staff from NVCC to explore the various programs and course offerings. Call 203-575-8221 to schedule an appointment or visit the *AJC*.

Northwest Connecticut Construction Careers: October 3 and October 17 from 10:30 a.m. – noon.

Orientation for individuals seeking employment in construction-related fields. Session includes a review of pre-employment and job training criteria. Call 203-574-6971 x434 to register.

Simentor On-Line tutorial: October 3, 7, 10, 17, 21, 24, 28 and 31 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

In this first come/first serve workshop, attendees have an opportunity to view self-paced tutorials on résumé writing, interviewing /job seeking skills, job retention and job seeking skills for ex-offenders. Call 203-574-6971 ext. 0 to register.

Résumé Critiques: October 4, 11, 15 and 25 from 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Have your résumé reviewed by a Certified Professional Résumé Writer trained in developing documents that generate job interviews. Receive objective and unbiased feedback to assist in addressing problematic issues, along with identifying areas for improvement. Call 203-437-3380 to register.

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing: October 4, October 21 and October 25 from 9 –11:30 a.m.

Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interviews and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, strategies for developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. Call 203-437-3380 to register.

Introduction to Apprenticeship: October 15 from 9 – 10 a.m.

Learn about how one can become an Apprentice in an “Apprenticable” trade. Topics include how to find an employer “sponsor” and the general requirements that apprentice’s and employer sponsors must comply with. Call 203-437-3380 to register.

Northwest Region Veterans Employment Connection Orientation: October 15 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

This monthly orientation for veterans provides an overview of AJC employment services such as employer recruitments and hiring initiatives, career fairs, and local events of interest to veterans. Learn how to be referred to employers who want to hire veterans, receive job leads, and how to post your résumé where employers can see it.

Job Readiness Workshop: October 15, 16, and 17 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn about the life and technical skills required to secure and sustain employment. Call 203-574-6971 ext. 451 to register.

Successful Job Search Strategies: October 18 from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn job search strategies to help successfully secure your next position. Topics include employer research, importance of preparation and organization in the job search, networking, establishing a digital presence using social media. Call 203-437-3380 to register.

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques: October 21 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview and following up. Call 203-437-3380 to register.

Access: Orientation for Persons with Disabilities: This workshop is for Persons with Disabilities (Friends and Relatives). It is offered by the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board – with the emphasis on abilities, not disabilities. Contact Gary Madison at gary.madison@nrwib.org or 203-574-697 ext. 442.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP): Learn more about services available to job seekers who are age 55 or older. SCSEP representatives are available Tuesdays in the Waterbury AJC Career Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact SCSEP at 475-235-2954.

Ticket to Work – Orientation for Persons receiving SSI or SSDI benefits: This workshop is for individuals receiving SSI or SSDI benefits. The Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board offers information for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries. The job center is an approved Ticket Employment Network. Contact Gary Madison at 203-574-6971 ext. 442 or gary.madison@nrwib.org to schedule an appointment.

Digital Literacy: In October classes are held every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Learn Windows, Word 1 and 2, Excel 1 and 2 and PowerPoint 1 and 2 at your pace. Evening classes are 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact Career Resources at 203-755-5117 ext. 305.

Veterans' Representative appointments: Eligible veterans can receive veteran-specific re-employment services from a DOL Veterans' Representative. Call Giancarlo Castagne at 203-437-3294 or Michael Mariano at 203-437-3297, or visit the Waterbury American Job Center.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Information Sessions: Participants review the process/eligibility requirements to receive funding for training through this federal employment initiative. Qualify as a "Dislocated Worker" or as an "Adult Worker" by calling 203-574-6971 for information. Sessions for both categories are held every week.

OSHA-10 Certification class: Participants will attend a two- day, 10-hour class to acquire their OSHA-10 Occupational Safety and Health training certificate. Classes held at Waterbury AJC. Call 203-574-6971 for Larry Devito ext. 461 or Joe Diorio ext. 434 for information.

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