



Torrington American Job Center Offers February Employment and Training Workshops

WETHERSFIELD, January 20, 2017 – The Connecticut Department of Labor and the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board are offering a variety of training and employment workshops in February to assist area residents. Events are held at the Torrington *American Job Center*, 59 Field Street. Please contact the office at (860) 496-3300 to register. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. In addition to these workshops, the Resource Room offers job-related Internet access and online application assistance. The following workshops are now being offered:

Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Information Session: Participants can review process and eligibility requirements for the funding of job training programs through this federal employment initiative. No appointment is needed.

February 2, 9, 16, and 23 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Veterans' Representative appointments: Eligible veterans can receive veteran-specific re-employment services. Department of Labor Veterans' Representative Trevor Meade is available, by appointment, to meet with customers. For an appointment, call (203) 437-3295 or email trevor.meade@ct.gov.

*Appointments can be scheduled on the following dates: **February: 3, 10, 17 and 24.***

CAMI (Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Initiative) Orientation: Review of the Naugatuck Valley Community College Advanced Manufacturing Facility and Program. Call (203) 574-6971 x459 to register.

February 6 (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Health Professions Opportunity Grant Orientation (HPOG): Learn about careers in healthcare through the Careers Advancement Project (Health CAP). Eligible participants can receive training that will assist them in securing a job (and advance along a career) in the healthcare field. Contact Joyce Liljedahl at (203) 574-6971 x461 or joyce.liljedahl@nrwib.org.

February 9 (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS): Provides a 30-minute group orientation plus a one-hour 1-on-1 appointment with BRS staff to review BRS services/eligibility and learn about services available at the *American Job Center*. Call (860) 496-3500 to register for the orientation.

February 17 (10 – 10:30 a.m.)

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

February 24 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Disability Resource Coordinator: A staff person is available to inform customers on 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 (203) 574-6971 x442 or gary.madison@nrwib.org.

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 (such as, software developer, I.T. security, or computer programmer). Contact Angelo Santa Maria at (203) 574-6971 x465 or email angelo.santamaria@nrwib.org.

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