



Labor Department Highlights Employment Services During Career Development Month

WETHERSFIELD, October 30, 2018 – Department of Labor employees invite residents to take a look at the many employment services offered by the agency and its workforce partners during November, which has been officially designed as “Career Development Month.”

In a [proclamation](#) marking the observance, Governor Dannel P. Malloy calls attention to the many programs the state offers to strengthen the state’s workforce and notes the importance of exploring educational choices and pursuing life-long learning opportunities “to maximize personal potential as well as for the continued health of our economy.”

According to Labor Commissioner Kurt Westby, agency employees can assist jobseekers – those seeking a first-time job or looking to make a career change – as well as employers looking to fill positions or expand business operations.

“National Career Month provides us with opportunities to connect with residents and business owners that have not used our services in the past. Whether you’re a newcomer to the job market or a seasoned employee working in your field of choice, we can help elevate your career. We are equally dedicated to the business community, offering customized recruitment assistance, tax credits, training incentives and specialized funding for Manufacturing and Registered Apprenticeship programs.”

Services, many of them at no cost, can be found online at www.ct.gov/dol or at a local *American Job Center*. Five full service job centers can be found in Bridgeport, Hamden, Hartford, Montville and Waterbury, while 15 affiliate offices are located throughout the state. Jobseeker services include self-serve career centers with computers and office equipment, career counseling, résumé writing assistance, veterans’ services, workshops and skills assessments.

A sample of the workshops offered in November at *American Job Centers* includes the follow with a complete listing and directions to the centers found at www.JobCenterCT.com

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- November 2: *Fundamentals of Résumé Writing*, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hamden American Job Center (also 1 to 4 p.m. November 15).
- November 2, 9, 13 or 30: *Résumé Critiques*, 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Waterbury American Job Center.
- November 6: *Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone!* 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Danielson American Job Center.
- November 12 and 30: *Successful Job Search Strategies*, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hartford American Job Center.
- November 20: *Networking with LinkedIn*, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Montville American Job Center.
- November 30: *Computer Basics*, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Torrington American Job Center.

Workforce partners cited in the proclamation marking Career Development Month include the Connecticut Department of Labor, the state's five Workforce Development Boards, Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, Department of Economic and Community Development, Community-Technical Colleges, Department of Education and Higher Education, State Board of Regents, Connecticut State University System; Department of Veterans Affairs, Connecticut Technology Council, Connecticut State Library, Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association, and Connecticut School Counselor Association.

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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, a talented and highly-skilled workforce is essential for the type of competitiveness required to keep Connecticut a leader in cutting-edge economic innovation and growth; and

*W*HEREAS, given the thousands of occupations in Connecticut's economy, planning a career can be formidable, and experts agree that the ongoing process of career development is essential for all individuals to maximize their personal potential, as well as for the continued health of our economy; and

*W*HEREAS, career development is necessary for children as they expand their awareness of the world of work, for youth exploring educational and career options, and for adults faced with a workplace of change, challenges, and the need for lifelong learning; and

*W*HEREAS, it is clear that informed decision-making and planning are keys to career success; and

*W*HEREAS, this year, National Career Development Month and the programs our state offers to promote workforce development are supported by many Connecticut organizations, including: the Departments of Economic and Community Development, Education, Higher Education, Labor, and Veterans Affairs; the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education; the Regional Workforce Development Boards; the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission; the Connecticut Technology Council; the Connecticut State Library; the Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association; and the Connecticut School Counselor Association; and

*W*HEREAS, the goals of these institutions include informing the public about career development services and how to utilize them, publicizing where educational workshops and programs are available, and building public understanding of the importance of career development; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition and support of these goals and in tribute to those professionals who provide career guidance, counseling, and development services, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH
in the State of Connecticut.




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