



Creating An Inclusive Workplace: Assistive Technology Workshop Offered October 23

WETHERSFIELD, September 13, 2018 – Did you know that employees receiving reasonable accommodations in the workplace are typically more productive and effective at their jobs? An October 23 breakfast workshop, “Creating An Inclusive Workplace with Assistive Technology,” is geared to provide employers with the tools and information they need when seeking adaptive devices for their employees.

Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Office of Workforce Competiveness and the CT Employment and Training Commission, the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in and breakfast, followed by the 8 to 10:30 a.m. workshop. It will be held at the Labor Department’s Wethersfield office located at 200 Folly Brook Blvd. Arlene Lugo, program director of the Connecticut Tech Act Project and an assistive technology consultant with Connecticut Department of Rehabilitative Services will facilitate the seminar and answer questions.

“Employers may think it will be costly to incorporate assistive technology for an employee with a disability,” said State Labor Commissioner Kurt Westby. “However, studies show that on average, the one-time cost for adaptive and rehabilitative devices is \$150.”

During the workshop, Lugo will discuss:

- How to accommodate an employee with a disability.
- Where to turn when seeking adaptive or assistive technology.
- Resources that an employer can see first-hand and find locally.

Geared for human resources professionals, small business owners and organizations/industries, participants are encouraged to bring real or hypothetical scenarios to the session for open discussion.

The \$25 workshop fee includes breakfast and materials. Please register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creating-an-inclusive-workplace-with-assistive-technology-tickets-49605943713>

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