



## **Workshops Scheduled for December in Hamden *CTWorks* Career Center**

WETHERSFIELD, Nov. 14, 2011 – Connecticut Department of Labor employees in the agency's Hamden *CTWorks* Center will offer a variety of training and employment workshops during December to assist area residents with their career needs. The no-cost workshops will be held in the office, located at 37 Marne Street.

Due to space limitations, individuals interested in attending any of the workshops are asked to call the Hamden *CTWorks* Center in advance at (203) 859-3200 to register.

### **December 1**

**Foundations of Investing:** This workshop is geared towards people who would like an overview of investing, including key terms and investment types. *Foundations of Investing* covers the basic features of bonds, stocks and mutual funds, as well as the importance of asset allocation. It runs from 2 to 3 p.m.

### **December 2**

**Job Search Strategies:** This 9 a.m. to noon workshop gives attendees an overview of job search strategies, as well as pointers concerning telephone skills, networking, the hidden job market and interviewing

### **December 5**

**Résumé Basics:** If this is the first time you are putting together a résumé -- this is the workshop to attend. It runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

**VETS Information Session:** This 1 to 3 p.m. information session for military veterans provides an overview of services available through the Connecticut Department of Labor and the community for veterans.

### **December 6**

**Making Sense of Retirement:** Participants will learn important information about investment for retirement during this 2 to 3 p.m. workshop. At its conclusion, each participant will be able to explain the importance of setting goals for retirement,

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understand concepts of risk tolerance and time horizon and will also be able to describe the value of a tax-deferred investment. They will also be able to identify various investments available for retirement and appreciate the importance of diversification

**December 7**

**Internet Job Search:** This workshop, which is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m., will give participants an overview of job search strategies using the Internet, and will also provide them with information about the most helpful sites to visit.

**December 9**

**Interviewing Techniques and Salary Negotiations:** During this 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. workshop, participants will learn the particulars of interview preparation and techniques. Attendees will also discover the best way to respond to questions from an interviewer, how to negotiate a “win-win” package and learn what to say when and how.

**December 12**

**Over 40 and Looking for Work:** Designed to address the specific needs and challenges of job seekers over 40, this 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. workshop will provide attendees with strategies to overcome age bias and successful techniques to land and keep their next job.

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**December 22**

**Job Club:** Members of this group, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m., will learn how to use networking as part of their job search and pick up other worthwhile tips.

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