



Connecticut Department of Labor Highlights Its Employment Services During “Career Month”

Many services also available online at www.state.ctdol.ct.us

WETHERSFIELD, Nov. 3, 2011 – Connecticut Department of Labor employees invite residents to “stop by” – be it in person or online – and check out the employment services offered by the agency during November, which has been officially designated as “National Career Month.”

Taking note of a proclamation signed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy marking November as “Career Month,” State Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall today reminded everyone that the agency has *CTWorks* Career Centers throughout the state where individuals can obtain such services as skills assessment, career counseling and résumé writing assistance from one of the agency’s Certified Professional Résumé Writers or pay a visit, right from the comfort of their own home, simply by sitting down at the computer.

“A robust and healthy skilled workforce is essential for the kind of competitiveness required to keep Connecticut a leader in cutting edge economic innovation,” Gov. Malloy explains. “Planning a career can be formidable; experts agree 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.”

This state is fortunate, he stresses, to have a large number of agencies and organizations which are dedicated to field of career development, including, among others, the State Departments of Labor, Community-Technical Colleges, Economic and Community, Education and Higher Education.

“For our part, we at the Connecticut Department of Labor want to remind residents and businesses that we have many employment/workforce development programs available,” Commissioner Marshall explains. “Whether you are a newcomer to the job market or a veteran employee already working in your field of choice, we’re always prepared to lend a helping hand; no matter what stage you’re at.”

The majority of our services at our *CTWorks* Career Centers are offered at no cost. That includes programs for the business community like recruitment assistance and tax credit programs.” On the Internet, Marshall said, all visitors need to do is type *in* www.state.ctdol.state.ct.us.

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“On-line visitors can search for jobs using our online job bank, learn about agency-sponsored Connecticut Career Fairs, can find out about upcoming workshops, and get the latest labor market statistics,” he adds. “They can obtain wages and workplace guidelines, and workforce data, or find out about safety and health matters.

A sampling of the various workshops offered in November at the various CTWorks Career Centers include:

- In Bridgeport, a *Get Connected with LinkedIn* session on Nov. 9; a *Résumé Critique* on Nov. 18, and an *Internet Job Search* class on Nov. 22;
- In the Hartford CTWorks Career Center, a *Create a Cover Letter* workshop will be held on Nov. 9, an *Interviewing Techniques* session on Nov. 14, and an *Access* workshop will be held on Nov. 23;
- Offered at the Hamden CTWorks Career Center will be an *Over 40 and Looking for Work* session on Nov. 16, a *Résumé Basics* workshop on Nov. 18, and a *Myers-Briggs* Workshop on Nov. 28;
- In the New London CTWorks Career Center, meanwhile, these workshop are scheduled: *Green Careers* on Nov. 15, *Entrepreneurial Workshop: Starting Your Own Business* on Nov. 21, and *Nine Steps to Getting the Job You Want* on Nov. 28.

CTWorks Career Centers are located at:

Bridgeport: 2 Lafayette Square; Danbury: 4 Liberty Street; Danielson: 95 Westcott Road; Enfield: 620 Enfield Street; Hamden: 37 Marne Street; Hartford: 3580 Main Street; Meriden: 85 West Main Street; New Britain: 260 Lafayette Street; New London: Shaw's Cove Six; Norwich: 113 Salem Turnpike, Suite 200; Torrington: 685 Main Street; Waterbury: 249 Thomaston Avenue; and Willimantic: 1320 Main Street, Tyler Square.

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