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“No economy can succeed without a high-quality workforce, particularly in an age of globalization and technical change.”

-Ben Bernanke

National Dislocated Worker Grant

The Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board (BCWDB) was recently awarded a \$215,000 National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) from the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Virginia Community College system (VCCS). The purpose of this grant funding will be to provide in-demand training in the Bay Consortium area, focusing on two specific occupational fields: healthcare and logistics.

COVID-19 is having a huge impact on senior care facilities. One of the focuses of this grant will be training Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs). CNAs are often the principal care givers for seniors, providing assistance with meals, bathing, dressing, and movement. They also provide emotional support for our seniors, as well as administer medications.

COVID-19 has also had an impact on the logistics industry, which has caused disruptions in the supply chain. This grant will allow us to provide Class A/B Commercial Driver Licensure training to help mitigate any disruption.

This grant also allows for the BCWDB to support our local Virginia Career Works Centers by hiring safety screeners. These safety screeners will be responsible for sanitizing highly touched areas in the centers, as well as, screening scheduled visitors upon entry. Safety screeners are instrumental in keeping our center staff and guests safe and our facilities' highly touched areas sanitized.

To learn more about training or Virginia Career Works safety screener positions, you can contact our office at 804-333-4048.

Job Opportunity

Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board, Inc in Warsaw, Virginia is seeking an individual to help maintain the safety of guests and staff. This individual would be responsible for taking the temperatures of all staff and guests as they enter, ask the recommended CDC screening questions, disinfecting highly touched areas throughout the center periodically, and using scheduling software to make appointment for individuals seeking services at the door. This is a part-time (27 hours per week maximum) and temporary position (52 weeks). CNA or medical background is preferred. Must meet WIOA Dislocated Worker Eligibility to be eligible for this position.

[Safety Screener Post Posting](#)

Resource Room Availability

A resource room in the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board office is available Monday through Friday, from 9 am till 2 pm. Computers and internet are provided. On Monday, staff assistance is available to for job applications and resume writing. For more information or any questions, please call 804-333-4048.

[*Click Here to See a List of Available Services & Contact Information*](#)

Proposed Budget Amendment, G3, Could Be A Win for All Virginians

Governor Northam's proposed budget amendments include additional funding for the G3 program, offering tuition-free education at Virginia's community college to low- and middle-income students who pursue jobs in high-demand fields. The G3 program, one of the first in the nation, also covers expenses such as food, transportation, and childcare for eligible students. Businesses disrupted by COVID-19 also benefit from this program as these students complete their education and start to look for high-demand jobs.

G3 stands for "Get a Skill, Get a Job, Give Back." "G3 invests in community college degree programs specifically designed to meet the high demand needs of Virginia businesses and make those programs low- or no-cost to qualifying students. G3 programs are designed in stackable segments that help individuals quickly earn the skills needed to begin new careers and work while earning additional skills leading to a college degree and career advancement opportunities."

"We awarded grants to more than 5,000 students in a six-week window. That was challenging work made more difficult by the narrow eligibility restriction that governed those federally funded grants. "Meanwhile, Virginia's employers say they are having difficulty finding jobseekers qualified for the jobs they currently have open. Industry groups wonder how to expedite talent development, and these concerns did not start with the pandemic. In fact, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, in its Blueprint Virginia 2025 plan, states talent development is the top concern of business leaders spanning Virginia needing candidates with the right credentials and skills.

Reference: Glenn DuBois, Chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges

Information Related to COVID-19

If you have lost employment and seek to apply for Unemployment Compensation, please click on this link to apply online at the [Virginia Employment Commission website](#) or call the VEC Customer Contact Center by calling 1-866-832-2363, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm.

[Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) and Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) provided for under the CARES Act](#)

[Tutorial Video – "How to File an Unemployment Claim on the Virginia Workforce Connection website"](#)

The Workforce Board staff continues to monitor the situation; any updates will be posted to the [BCWDB website](#) and the [Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board Facebook page](#). At this time, prevention, social separation and preparation are the best courses of action, and the BCWDB encourages all customers, staff, and community members to follow the CDC recommended hygiene and social distancing practices.

[COVID-19 Related Links Compiled 6-11-2020 Virginia Department of Social Services COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions From Workers Regarding COVID-19](#)

[Las Preguntas Mas Frecuentes Para Los Empleados Sobre COVID-19](#)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at:

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