



BAY CONSORTIUM REGION
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“Our workforce and our entire economy are strongest when we embrace diversity to its fullest, and that means opening doors of opportunity to everyone and recognizing that the American Dream excludes no one.”

-Thomas Perez

No-Cost Digital Literacy Courses Available

Rappahannock Goodwill Industries currently offers no-cost in-person and virtual workforce readiness skills training at the Virginia Career Works Center.

Classes are offered in Spanish every second week of the month and continue to be well attended and very popular.

Mondays 1pm-3pm: Basic Computer

Tuesday 10am-12pm: Internet
Tuesday 1pm-3pm: Email
Tuesday: 3pm-4pm: Resume Writing

Wednesday 11am-1pm: Word
Wednesday 2pm-3pm: LinkedIn Learning

Thursday 10am-12pm: Google Workspace
Thursday 1:30pm-3:30 pm: PowerPoint

Friday 11am-1pm: Excel
Friday 2pm-4pm: Job Search Skills

Register Today

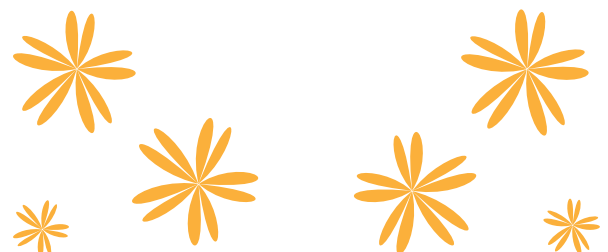
Call (540)-308-5375 or email
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The Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board staff celebrated Earth Day, April 22nd, by cleaning up their adopted highway, Sabine Hall Road. Over the course of the morning, they managed to pick up a truck load of litter, approximately 14 bags worth.



2022 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
APRIL 30-MAY 7, 2022



Success Story

Mary entered the WIOA Youth program in order to improve her work readiness skills and employment prospects. As a person with a physical disability, she was nervous about being accepted from others in an office environment and her ability to complete day-to-day requirements. Mary worked closely with WIOA staff to create a plan to build upon her soft skills and work readiness. Mary completed leadership development and financial literacy trainings which helped to increase her confidence in her ability to work in an office environment.

WIOA staff coordinated an office work experience for Mary. Mary worked for four months in an office setting learning various skills—internal and external customer services, administrative, and paperwork processing. Mary assisted the office staff in day-to-day activities which helped to build her confidence in her work abilities and office presence.

Mary also volunteered at the local library in order to build upon her experience and learn everything she could about cultivating a personal work ethic. When Mary's work experience ended, she gained employment as a Quality Assurance Technician for a local supply company. She has been employed in this position for over a year and has maintained the strong work ethic she displayed during her WIOA work experience and volunteering.

Mary reports that she enjoys her job and is happy with the skills that she gained through her time in the WIOA Youth program.



Resource Room Availability

Virginia Career Works Fredericksburg Center
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:30-4:30
Call 540-513-9182

Virginia Career Works Warsaw Center
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Call 804-333-4048 ext. 5

Virginia Career Works Eastern Shore Center
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:30-4:30
Call 757-302-2029

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



*Please join us at this year's meeting and be a part of the discussion on:
The Importance of Language Access to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Virginians*

Please RSVP by May 4, 2022 and submit Q&A question(s) using this link: <https://forms.gle/VbDqMmJJ2JycpLyLA> or email ma.lorna.battles@vec.virginia.gov for any questions or to request accommodations.