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“There is only one way to look at things until someone shows us how to look at them with different eyes.”

-Pablo Picasso

## Workforce Newsletter

WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs provide assessments, the development of service strategies, and supportive services to help youth identify career pathways that will help them achieve their education and employment.

To be eligible to receive career services as an adult in the WIOA Adult program, an individual must be 18 years of age or older, who has the right to work in the U.S., is registered for the Selective Service (if applicable), and has a barrier to employment: Barriers may include, but are not limited to the following:

- In foster care or aged out of foster care system
- Low-income Individuals
- English language learners, low level literacy, or has cultural barriers
- Individuals with disabilities
- Single parents
- Older Individuals (55 or older)
- Long-term unemployed
- Ex-Offenders
- Homeless Individuals

To be eligible to receive career services as a Dislocated Worker, an individual must be 18 years of age or older, has the right to work in the U.S., is registered for the Selective Service (if applicable), and meets one of the following:

- Terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment, including separation notice from active military service; is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment benefits; or has been employed for a duration sufficient to demonstrate attachment to the workforce, but not eligible for unemployment compensation; and is unlikely to return to previous industry or occupation; or
- Terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, a plant, facility, military installation or enterprise; is employed at a facility where the employer announced an immediate closure or will close within 180 days; or
- Self-employed but now unemployed as a result of general economic conditions or natural disasters; or
- A displaced homemaker; or
- A spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty; and who has experienced loss of employment and who meets certain other criteria

Eligible individuals may receive services that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Career Services
  - Diagnostic Testing, Assessments, Evaluations
  - Individual Employment Plan Development
  - Career Planning
  - Short-term Pre-vocational Services
  - Internships & Work Experiences
  - Workforce Preparation Activities
  - Financial Literacy Services
- Training Services
  - Occupational skills training
  - On-the-Job Training (OJT)
  - Incumbent Worker Training
  - Entrepreneurial Training
  - Skills upgrading & Retraining
  - Adult Education & Literacy Activities
- Supportive Services
  - Transportation & Childcare Assistance
  - Payment of Credentialing/Licensing Fees
  - Reasonable Accommodations for a Disability
  - Books, Tools, and School Supplies
  - Required Uniforms & Work-related Expenses
  - Referrals to Community Services & Health Care

For more information regarding the WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, or to find a Virginia Career Works Center near you, please visit our [website](#) or contact one of our Youth Services providers:

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We have exciting news to share with you. The Commonwealth is launching a new grant program for small businesses and nonprofits called Rebuild VA. The program will provide grants of up to three times the applicant's average monthly eligible expenses up to a maximum award of \$10,000.

These grants are aimed at assisting small businesses and nonprofits that have faced economic distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities include those in the following industry sectors: restaurant and beverage service, non-essential retail, exercise and fitness, personal care and personal grooming, entertainment and public amusement, private campgrounds, and overnight summer camps.

This statewide program is capitalized with \$70 million, which means we will be able to assist approximately 7,000 businesses. Half of the proceeds will be directed toward small businesses and nonprofits located in economically disadvantaged areas, including ensuring adequate representation of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

More details about the program, including eligibility criteria, may be found in the attached flyer or by visiting

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/rebuildva/>

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

## ***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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