

All partners in the workplaces have a key role to play in training a workforce fit for the future.

-Andrew Adonis, Baron Adonis



## LinkedIn LEARNING

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## Community Resource

Central Virginia Health Services is excited to present [Aunt Bertha](#) a free and easy-to-use resource that can help people in need find and connect with free and reduced-cost resources in their community. Aunt Bertha is 100% free to use and offers many free tools for both clients and social service providers.

## Changes Made to Return to Earn Grant Program

In June, Governor Northam announced a new \$3 million investment to pilot the Return to Earn Grant Program to match payments from eligible small businesses to provide new hires with up to to support their transition back into the workforce. The Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board (LWDA 13) received \$171,156.00 based on our Labor Force.

The initiative will no longer require the match of up to \$500 that a qualifying small business would pay directly to a new employee hired after May 31, 2021. Funds will only be reimbursed to businesses for new hires in positions that pay at least \$15 per hour and that qualify as W-2 employment, either full- or part-time.

This funding would be on a reimbursement basis to businesses and the business must enter into a contract with the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board outlining the hiring bonus and the manner it will be paid along with a reimbursement request.

[BCWDB Return to Earn Grant Program Application and Agreement](#)

For more information, please contact [Jackie Davis](#).

## Resource Room Availability

Virginia Career Works Fredericksburg Center  
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Call 540-513-9182

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

Virginia Career Works Eastern Shore Center  
By Appointment Only  
Call 757-302-2029

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



To register for the free COVID-19 vaccine, and check your registration status, please check Vaccinate Virginia at:

<https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>  
or call 877-829-4682

**Do you have anxiety or stress related to COVID-19?**

**Call or text VA COPES, a free and confidential COVID-19 support line:  
877-349-6428**

**Monday - Friday 9:00am to 9:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday 5:00pm to 9:00pm  
Spanish speakers are available.**

## VaccineFinder

VaccineFinder helps you find clinics, pharmacies, and other locations that offer COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.

<https://vaccinefinder.org/>

### 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.

[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.

[Virginia Department of Social Services COVID-19 Resources](#)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at:

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