



Monthly Report **April 2017**

	April Thomasville NCWorks Career Center Total	April Lexington NCWorks Career Center Total	PY16 Total
Number of Visits	438	416	11,414
First Time Customers	132	137	3,557
Repeat Customers	306	279	7,595
Orientations	72	35	2,103
Resume / Interview Assistance	143	30	2,425
Assessments / Testing: (Prove It!; TABE, CareerScope)	26	22	342
Job Search Assistance	330	390	8,785
WIOA Information Sessions	7	12	214

Resource Room and Career Services

- ◆ Lexington had 44 workshop participants and Thomasville had 34 workshop participants, for a total of 78 during the month of April. Some of the workshops included resume preparation, mock interviews, and dressing for interviews.
- ◆ Career Development Consultants continued facilitating career exploration among teenagers by participating in the Career Fair at Lexington Senior High School.
- ◆ The Maintenance Tech class WIOA sponsored at DCCC is nearing completion and Career Development Consultants are setting up work experiences for those who need it. Only a few students need a work experience because many of them have already attained full time employment.
- ◆ DCCC invited Career Development Consultants to attend the Allied Health Orientation this month. This served as a great opportunity to speak to students entering health careers and educate them about WIOA scholarship assistance.
- ◆ Career Services staff participated in a webinar offered through the NCWorks Training Center. The trainers were staff at Legal Aid of NC and they spoke about the Legal Aid resources available to our job seeking customers. Several staff have commented on how much they learned and how helpful it was. Staff hope to sponsor a workshop on Legal Aid services and expungement of records in the near future.
- ◆ In the Thomasville Center, four employers recruited during four recruiting events and 20 job seekers were interviewed. Eight customers reported that they have gotten jobs. In the Lexington Center, there were eleven recruiting events, with five employers. Sixteen reported being hired.
- ◆ The Urban League continues to recruit for trainees who are 55 or older and who want to get back into the job market. The Urban League staff have office hours daily at varying times in the both Career Centers. The Thomasville Career Center representative reported that they have 10 participants at six different non-profit locations in the Thomasville area. “Our participants are learning everything from administrative skills, to learning how to maintain inventory at a food pantry,” she said.
- ◆ Debbie Compton with the former offender initiative continues recruiting for and presenting a monthly workshop for anyone with any type of criminal background issue. The workshop is geared toward finding a job, responding to interview questions about background issues, interviewing styles and more. The workshop is held the 1st Tuesday of each month starting at 9AM at the Thomasville NCWorks Career Center. Debbie has shared this information with probation officers, judges and other services for referring customers to this workshop.

Youth News:



- ⇒ Get REAL had nine students to gain credits this month. One student graduated in April and will enroll at DCCC in the Fall to major in diesel mechanics.
- ⇒ Students went on two field trips in April. The first was to a local business called TK Auto. TK Auto is an automotive repair shop owned by brothers Johnny and Allen Kern. Johnny and Allen told the students about what made them want to start their own business in Lexington even though they both live in Charlotte. Lexington is their hometown and “they felt there was a need for a reputable automotive repair shop in Lexington”. Johnny and Allen also explained that customer service is one of the keys to having a successful business. Students were able to tour the company and ask questions during the tour.

The second fieldtrip was to the NHRA Army Stem Program in Charlotte. The NHRA Youth & Education Services (YES) Program is motorsport’s first and only full time program devoted exclusively to educational programming. The Y.E.S program was created in 1989 as a tool to connect education and NHRA drag racing geared for students and teachers. Students were able to visit booths set up by career/educational focused partners of the Y.E.S program, play football toss games, participate in a push up competition, see the U.S. Army dragster show car, and participate in the High School Challenge, which is a series of team building and think tank scenarios for groups of students to complete. Ten students were able to attend this fieldtrip and some were featured on Spectrum News Channel over the weekend.

- ⇒ Students attended the Spring Fest on the DCCC campus and the theme was Renaissance.

Business Services - Highlights

Lidl, a new grocery store chain opening in Thomasville and Lexington, is currently recruiting to fill 85 associate positions between its Thomasville and Lexington locations. The jobs pay \$12.00 an hour to start. Anyone interested in applying for a job with Lidl should visit their career page, http://careers.lidl.com/cps/rde/career_lidl_us/hs.xsl/index.htm, to complete an online application. Lidl representatives will be recruiting from the NCWorks Career Centers in the coming weeks. To learn about future Lidl recruitment events in Davidson County, check the NCWorks Online website (www.ncworks.gov), or visit DavidsonWorks’ Facebook page.

Leggett & Platt has an immediate need to hire over 50 employees on second shift. The company needs Assemblers, Packers, Press Operators, and Dock Workers. Over the next few weeks Leggett & Platt will hold several recruitment events at their office. The company will also recruit from the NCWorks Career Center in Lexington. For a complete list of recruitment dates and times, check NCWorks Online (see job order # 10690022 or 10689803) or visit DavidsonWorks’ Facebook page.

	April Total	PY16 Totals
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts	21	258
DavidsonWorks Business Services	17	193
NCWorks Career Center Business Contacts	18	188
NCWorks Career Center Business Services	18	182
DavidsonWorks / Career Center Business Orientations	5	49
Business Recruitment Events	16	151

WIOA Youth Participants Served

WIOA Youth	April Totals
Number in Work Experience	18
Number in Occupational Skills Training	4
Number in Educational Training (GED/AHS)	56
Intensive Case Management	96

WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Participants Served

Type of Training	April Totals
Degree/Diploma	53
Continuing Ed/ Certificate	13
Total Active Training	66

Other Program Activities	April Totals
Work Experience	8
Intensive and Training Enrollments	146
WIOA Core Enrollments	778

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Veterans Highlights

Unless otherwise noted, Veterans Coffees begin at 8:30 and end at 10:30 am

A special request: If you see a Veteran at one of our events that seems to be new and/or looks a little hesitant, please introduce yourself and invite him or her to join you and your group. THANKS!!

Open House at the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office. Wednesday, May 10, 8:00 - 11:00 am

Hiram H. Ward Federal Building, 251 N. Main St. W-S During this event, VBA staff will be available to assist with Benefit issues.

Davidson County, Richard Childress Racing, 425 Industrial Dr., Welcome, NC. 1st Wednesdays, 5/3

(A special breakfast provided by HIPSS), 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6 - (A very special Vets Coffee to premier the first episode of the new PBS Ken Burns documentary on the Vietnam War), 10/4, 11/1, 12/6 - (Year End Finale Vets Coffee)

Cabarrus County (VARIOUS LOCATIONS): 2017 dates and locations: 2nd Wednesdays

- 5/10 Stewart-Haas Racing, Kannapolis
- 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13 all at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord
- (10/11, and 11/8 - To Be Determined)

Guilford County, Greensboro @ the Outback Steakhouse, Four Seasons Mall: 2017 dates, 2nd Thursdays 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9

Iredell County, Statesville @ the Outback Steakhouse: 2017 dates, 3rd Wednesdays, 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18,

Forsyth County, Winston-Salem @ the PDQ Restaurant (New Location on Stratford Rd): 3rd Thursdays 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16

Stokes County, King @ the Town & Country Restaurant: 2017 dates, 4th Thursdays 4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26,

Surry County, Mt Airy @ the Sagebrush Steakhouse: Mondays - (4 times per year) 6/19, 9/18, 11/20

Rowan County, Salisbury @ Thelma's Downhome Cooking Restaurant in the West End Plaza Shopping Center. Every Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 am.

NEXT UP---Korean War and Korean War Era Veterans (1950 - 1953), you are invited to a special event to recognize and honor you for your service during the Korean War. It will be held on Sunday, July 30, 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Embassy Suites in Concord. The Korean War is called the "Forgotten War", but we want you to know that you have not been forgotten for helping saving South Korea and allowing it's people to remain free. This event is FREE for every Korean War Veteran and one guest. The cost of a ticket for the celebration, dinner and entertainment for other attendees is \$45 each. Call or email Don Timmons to register, or with questions. don.timmons@hospicecarecenter.org 336 331-1309

Help us locate and invite Korean War Veterans, 1950 - 1953 to this very special event. PLEASE GET Don Timmons THE NAMES OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS YOU KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH THEM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THANKS

To view a PBS "American Experience" documentary on the "Battle of Chosin", click on this link:

<http://www.pbs.org/wqbh/americanexperience/films/chosin/>

Success Story of Trade Special Programs Client

Brandon L. Hatfield

Brandon Hatfield, age 23, had graduated high school locally just after the beginning of the economic recovery in North Carolina. However, with so many people out of work long-term still in 2012, he had a difficult time finding full-time employment. With the help of his parents, Brandon enrolled at Randolph County Community College (RCCC), and completed an Associate Degree with a concentration in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) in spring of 2014. He kept an "A" average and even worked as a student tutor during his last year at RCCC.

However, upon graduation and even with applications in at every law enforcement agency in NC, Brandon could not get hired. Most return letters thanked him for his time & application, but stated they were looking for a candidate who "already had law enforcement experience". Brandon moved back in with his parents and took a job with Bradley Personnel (for whom he had done previous part-time work). He was placed as a long-term temporary worker & Assembler, making \$10.00 an hour, at Brayton International (aka Steelcase) of High Point. There he helped make medical and office furniture. With the help of his mother, it made commuting from Lexington to High Point daily easier.

Steelcase had a layoff which caused most of the plant to shut down and left both Brandon and his mom unemployed. They came in together for a Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Orientation Group in April 2015, which was held at the Thomasville Career Center. There was question as to whether the renewed / new Trade petition for Brayton International would cover temporary or staffing service workers, as some Trade petitions did not at that time. Brandon's mom, Tina, signed up for Unemployment Benefits (UIB) as did Brandon online and for Trade weekly assistance once the UIB money ran out. Fortunately, Brandon's mom got another job right away. After some months of delay, he was approved to return to school because, even with his degree, it was demonstrated that there were significant barriers to being hired in Law Enforcement at that time.

Brandon researched schools and training programs on his own, he worked with me as we researched earnings potential for jobs and hiring possibilities projected in North Carolina, and met with me on several occasions for ONET Interest Profiling and testing. Brandon scored high as a Conventional/ Realistic/ Investigative Organizer with high attention to detail. This along with his BLET certificate led him to enroll at Davidson County Community College in fall 2015 for the C.T.I. Networking & Cyber Security program, with a goal of working as a Computer User Support Specialist. Brandon is set to graduate on May 13, 2017 with a GPA of 3.94, and has only missed one day in the two years he was enrolled, including required summer sessions. He has continued to volunteer at DCCC during his final year, helping students with hand-on Labs and with connection and log-in issues. The IT and Networking Instructor for the college, Ann Porter, has recommended him for a part-time position assisting the Technology Department at DCCC beginning this summer 2017. He is awaiting hire results at the time of this writing, but Brandon's future is looking bright.

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Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS)

Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS)	April Totals
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Customers	27
Employability Assessment Interview (EAI) Customers	25

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