

# DavidsonWorks

April 2018

## Career Center Activities

	Lexington Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville Career Center Monthly Total	*YTD Totals
NCWorks Career Center Customer Visits	481	364	6,896
Intensive services, i.e. Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	475	237	6,059
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	63	165	1,350
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts & Services	27	21	491
Business Recruitment Events	1	4	83

\*YTD Totals are for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018



## Business Services

The DavidsonWorks Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant is now available for businesses to apply. To learn more about the grant, please attend an information session (see dates and times listed below). To register for an information session, email Tim Maness, [tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov), please note which session location/date you would like to attend.

Session 1- Tuesday, May 15th from 9:00am until 10:30am  
NCWorks Thomasville  
211 West Colonial Drive  
Thomasville, NC 27360

Session 2- Thursday, May 17th from 9:00am until 10:30am  
DavidsonWorks  
220 E. 1st Avenue Ext.  
Lexington, NC 27292

# Youth News



- Eight Get REAL students are participating in a six week Job Readiness class at DavidsonWorks where they are learning and practicing interview skills, resume building, mock interviewing, and soft skills.
- A representative from Youth Villages came to speak to Get REAL students about the programs and services they offer. Youth Villages started in 1999 to help provide young adults with the tools they need to realize their own amazing potential.
- Ten students attended the NC Youth Summit in Cary. The youth summit attracted close to 400 teens this year and the theme was “Fearful to Fearless” led by a group called Inspire the Culture during this two day event.
- Students attended Spring Fling at DCCC. The theme this year was Alice in Wonderland.
- Two students achieved their high school diploma and graduated this month. Their names are Duncan Carmichael and Conner Sullivan.

<b>WIOA Youth</b>	<b>April Totals</b>
Number in Work Experience	7
Continuing Ed/ Certificate	4
Number of Students in HSE/AHS	46
Intensive Case Management	58

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## Adult & Dislocated Worker Services

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<b>Program Activities</b>	<b>April Totals</b>
Work Experiences	0
Continuing Ed/ Certificate	55
Intensive and Training Enrollments	69

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## Career Services

- ◆ Career Development Consultants were out and about in April, spreading the news about the services the NCWorks Career Centers offer. Some staff attended Career Expo Day at Lexington Senior High School and talked to high school students about their future plans. Staff also attended the Allied Health Orientation and the Career-in-a-Year event at DCCC.
  - ◆ Career Services staff attended and spoke to a group of folks who are high-risk of becoming repeat offenders at the Project Safe Program with the Lexington Police Department.
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## Success Story of the Month

### Success is a Lifetime Achievement

One of the unknowns about working with people who are making changes in their lives, is that you hope that the changes won't just be temporary fixes for permanent problems. When we work with someone who is searching for a new career, going back to school to earn a certificate or diploma for something that will bring more stability to their lives and the lives of their family— supporting that person, providing encouragement, is an essential part of our jobs. And sometimes, we work with people for more than a year, waiting for the day when they complete their degree and get a good-paying, stable job, in a field they love working in. One of the greatest highlights for someone in career counseling is seeing “our person” succeed.



We provide follow up for our customers for a year after their cases are closed. So, most of the time we know what happens with them in those first twelve months, but after that, for the most part, we do not know. But sometimes, we do.

I have had the great fortune to work with many people over the years who were making life-changes, for one reason or another. Some people because their former jobs were eliminated and they had to go back to school to learn a new trade, some people because they were incarcerated and their skills were outdated when they returned to society, some because they needed a fresh start in an industry that was growing. Because I have worked with a number of people in Davidson County, it's not unusual for me to see people and have a twinge of recognition. In the last several months, I've seen people I worked with ten, twelve, fifteen years ago who have shared with me their continued success; and that feeling never changes— it always feels good when someone says thank you and tells you what their lives are like years after they went through our program.

I'm proud to say that of the people I've seen, all of them have continued on their paths to success. Some of those paths have veered from time to time, but they've all gotten back on track and continued their upward journeys. Without fail, all of them have thanked me and our staff for believing in them and telling them they could do it! Sometimes that little bit of encouragement is all someone needs to successful for a lifetime.

Provide encouragement to someone today— you'll be glad you did!

## CONTACT US

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