

DavidsonWorks

August 2018

Career Center Activities

	Lexington Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville Career Center Monthly Total	*YTD Totals
NCWorks Career Center Customer Visits	545	399	1799
Intensive services, i.e. Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	492	343	835
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	122	181	648
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts & Services	16	16	97
Business Recruitment Events	3	2	13

*YTD Totals are for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019



Career Services

The Annual Workforce Development Board Meeting was held in August and highlighted three individual's success—a youth at Get REAL, an adult work experience participant, and a dislocated worker who returned to school and changed careers. Two themes that emerged during the success story presentations were hope and partnership. The NCWorks Career Centers provided hope to these customers at a time when they didn't feel very hopeful about their future. The workforce system, including the NCWorks Career Centers, Vocational Rehabilitation, the community college, and the local business community all worked together to contribute to the success stories shared with the Board.



Youth News



<u>WIOA Youth</u>	<u>August Totals</u>
Number in Work Experience	5
Number in Occupational Skills Training	3
Number of Students in HSE/AHS	25
Intensive Case Management	59

The students at Get REAL started the fall session on August 13th.

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Get REAL kicked off the fall semester by sponsoring a bowling trip to Woodleaf Bowling Alley. Students bowled several games and ate pizza. It gave students a chance to get reacquainted with each other as well as get to know new students who just enrolled in the program.

Adult & Dislocated Worker Services

Program Activities	August Totals
Work Experiences	1
Occupational Skills Training	54
Intensive and Training Enrollments	74
Core Career Services	379

Business Services

On-the-job Training and Incumbent Worker Grants Available

The incumbent worker grant has been mentioned in the past few monthly reports, but what is it really? In September, DavidsonWorks in partnership with the NCWorks Career Centers of Thomasville and Lexington will host a total of six incumbent worker grant information sessions. The sessions are designed to provide businesses critical information about the grant and share pointers on how to write a favorable grant application. Seven companies have already signed up to attend an information session.

If your business is interested in attending a session, contact Tim Maness, 336-242-2970, tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov for dates and times.

To learn more about any work-based learning program, contact Tim Maness, 336-242-2970, tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov.

Success Story of the Month

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When 59-year-old Margaret (not her real name) came to the NCWorks Career Center in Thomasville, she was worried it would be difficult to obtain employment again after being laid off. Staff provided encouragement, which is an essential part of our job and assured her we would help her succeed any way we could. As a truck driver, Margaret had her CDL license but did not want to keep traveling from state to state with no time to be at home. But, depending on experience, sometimes finding a local driving position can be difficult.

For two months Margaret searched diligently for different positions. Margaret had a positive attitude and never complained. She was determined and ambitious, which helped her to continue to search for employment. Staff assisted her with a resume and cover letter development, and networking.

After those two months of searching, Margaret came in with great news! She had obtained employment with the Community Blood Center. She loves meeting the public and feels as if she is giving back to her community. She drives the bloodmobile to different donation sites. She gets to meet the public, collect and tag blood, label and package blood samples, etc. She enjoys her job and hopes to stay there until retirement.

Margaret came back to the Center to thank us for the outstanding customer service and team work we provided her. When she interviewed for the position, the employer complimented her on the professional resume and cover letter she presented.

We know that Margaret will continue on the path of triumph in her new career and wish her well. She knew the support provided by the NCWorks Career Center contributed to her success, and she was incredibly grateful for it.

*Submitted by Janet Money
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