

# DavidsonWorks

May 2018

## Career Center Activities

	Lexington Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville Career Center Monthly Total	*YTD Totals
NCWorks Career Center Customer Visits	435	381	7,712
Intensive services, i.e. Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	360	270	6,689
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	120	150	1,620
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts & Services	28	2	521
Business Recruitment Events	3	2	88

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



## Career Services

- ◆ This spring, Career Development Consultants had 23 customers graduate from training programs.
- ◆ Partnerships is the name of the game when helping our customers! Three individuals are receiving intensive assistance from a WIOA Career Development Consultant, as well as from Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). DavidsonWorks partnership with VR is a tremendous benefit to job seekers with disabilities.
- ◆ A *free* expungement Clinic will include general information about expungement of criminal records, learning more about the expungement costs and potential financial assistance, and valuable work-force experience and resources within the NCWorks Career Centers. This free event will be Friday, June 15 at 10am in the NCWorks Career Center Lexington.
- ◆ DavidsonWorks & Senior Services are partnering to offer a FREE presentation geared for older adults navigating the job market.

Wednesday, June 20 at 10:00 am in the Thomasville Senior Center and Thursday, June 21 at 10:00 am in the NCWorks Career Center Lexington.

To register in Lexington, call (336) 242-2290 or email [Stefanie.Poore@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:Stefanie.Poore@davidsoncountync.gov)  
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# Youth News



<b>WIOA Youth</b>	<b>May Totals</b>
<b>Number in Work Experience</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Continuing Ed/ Certificate</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Number of Students in HSE/AHS</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Intensive Case Management</b>	<b>60</b>

- On May the 9th, Get REAL students visited High Point University. They were welcomed by the Director of Undergraduate Recruitment who explained the financial part of the university to the students. Students were also given a tour by three current HPU students and were able to ask questions about the curriculum, dorm life, and campus life.
- The week of May 14-17th was Teacher Appreciation Week. Both students and teachers participated in themed days to celebrate. Monday was “Switch Day”, students were the teachers in the classroom and the teachers were the students. Tuesday was “Hat day”, Wednesday was “Wacky Dress Day”, and they finished the week by enjoying a cookout together on Thursday.
- The Lexington NCWorks Career Center has been offering an 8 week Job Readiness Class for Get REAL students. This course teaches them job search skills, such as resume and interview preparation, as well as soft skills to succeed once hired. On May 23rd, eight students completed this program.
- On May 24th, the College and Career Readiness program at DCCC held graduation for Adult High School and High School Equivalency. Get REAL had nine students graduate. Congratulations to them!

## Adult & Dislocated Worker Services

<b>Program Activities</b>	<b>May Totals</b>
<b>Work Experiences</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Continuing Ed/ Certificate</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Intensive and Training Enrollments</b>	<b>71</b>

## Business Services

### UpSkill Davidson Incumbent Worker Grant Update

In the month of May, seven businesses expressed an interest in the UpSkill Davidson Grant workforce development grant. The UpSkill Davidson Grant is available to Davidson County Businesses that want to train their existing workforce, ultimately leading to more productive employees and more profitable businesses. Businesses may offer an array of training opportunities to their employees through the grant. Essentially, training that will make employees more productive while increasing their knowledge and skill set can be considered under the UpSkill Davidson Grant.

To learn more about this opportunity, contact Tim Maness, 336-242-2970, or [tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov).

## Success Story of the Month



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Give us a call for more information about our services:

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I first met Mr. Jon (Not his real name) when he came into NCWorks Career Center looking to find someone to help him with employment. He had some great skills, and from speaking to him, I could tell he was a very intelligent person. After talking about the steps he would need to take with finding employment, barriers that would keep him from obtaining employment were identified; after many years of incarceration, Mr. Jon was now seeking employment and a better living. He had tried to look for employment on his own, but was only able to find temporary work— he found that some places would not hire him due to his background. I talked with him and provided him with different resources and places to apply.

At the time, Mr. Jon was residing at the homeless shelter with no phone, little clothing, and no transportation. Cheryl and I both helped him with different areas of job searching. We had many conversations about what he learned while he was in prison. Mr. Jon stayed diligent at job searching, because he wanted to find somewhere he would be able to prosper and overcome the obstacles he was facing.

After four months, Mr. Jon came back into NCWorks with a smile on his face. He was excited to share good news. He had obtained full time employment as a welder at Matcor Metal. Not only had he gained full time employment, but he now had a place of his own that he could call home. He is now working to achieve the goals we spoke about when he first came in. In time, he hopes to obtain his full provisional driver license and his own transportation.

Mr. Jon was very appreciative of the help he received here at NCWorks Career Center in Lexington. He expressed his gratitude to the staff for looking beyond his past and helping look forward to his future. This just goes to show that one should not be judged by their past alone. It is how you learn from those mistakes, and take steps forward to make a better future.

We are excited for Mr. Jon and his bright future.

*Submitted by Katie Smith  
NCWorks Career Center, Lexington*

*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!*