



Monthly Report **July 2017**

	DavidsonWorks NCWorks Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville NCWorks Career Center Monthly Total	Year-to Date Totals
NCWorks Center Customer Visits	491	546	1,037
Intensive services which includes: Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	439	672	1,111
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	130	231	361
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts & Services	39	25	64
Business Recruitment Events	8	5	13

Resource Room and Career Services

- ◆ Recruiting has continued at the Lexington and Thomasville Career Centers this month with Graham Personnel, First Choice Personnel, Randstad, GCA, Leggett & Platt, American Services, The Resource, and AkzoNobel looking to hire qualified candidates. AkzoNobel spent all day interviewing a total of 68 candidates. Potential candidates will go to the next level of screening which includes an online assessment.

Combined the centers hosted 13 recruiting events with employers. One hundred-twenty-one job seekers were interviewed, and we have confirmation of 27 being hired, with more employer updates expected soon.

- ◆ Career Development Consultants made a few presentations for DCCC students this month. The first was to the DCCC/Goodwill classes in Medical Office Secretary as well as Personal Care Aide. Another presentation was made to about 100 LPN and RN students in the Nurse's Seminar. The presentations provided details on career pathways in the medical field and how our career centers can assist students in the healthcare field.



Youth News



⇒ Get REAL students started the month with a week's break to celebrate the Fourth of July. Students returned on July 10th to start the second session of summer school.

⇒ Seven students took a three day field trip to Savannah, Georgia. The students lived on the campus of Savannah State University, the oldest public historically black university in Georgia. It is a four year state-supported university with a mission "to graduate students who are prepared to perform at higher levels of economic productivity, social responsibility, and excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor in a changing global community". Students experienced campus life by eating in the cafeteria and meeting students attending the university. To compare a 4 year and a 2 year school, students also took a tour of Savannah Technical College. Savannah Tech offers certificate, diploma, and associate degree programs in five academic divisions. The students also got to experience the historical section of Savannah with a tour of downtown. The students rode the trolley to the River Street Boardwalk and took the ferry to the other side of the Boardwalk. The students enjoyed the wonderful experience of the entire trip.

WIOA Youth	July Totals
Number in Work Experience	14
Number of Students in (HSE/AHS)	48
Continuing Ed/Certificate	4
Intensive Case Management	71

Business Services - Highlights

July marked the beginning of a new program year and a major jobs announcement for Davidson County. EGGER Products, an Austrian company that manufactures wood-based products, announced its first U.S. location would be built in the Industrial Park in Linwood. The multi-phase project is expected to yield 770 jobs over the next several years. Though major hiring will not begin until construction is complete, high school students interested in a career in advanced manufacturing can prepare now for opportunities with EGGER and other companies that utilize automation and technology to build modern products.

Beyond the news of EGGER, local companies are still looking for experienced, talented production workers with a desire to learn and grow on the job. For example, Leggett & Platt held two recruitment events, one at the NCWorks Career Center in Lexington and one at their Linwood facility, to fill multiple positions. Akzo Nobel used the NCWorks Career Center in Thomasville to interview job candidates. The unemployment rate might be low, but good job opportunities still exist. Businesses that wish to recruit from an NCWorks Career Center in Davidson County should contact Tim Maness, 336-242-2970 for more information.

Adult & Dislocated Worker Services

Program Activities	July Totals	Year-to Date Totals
Work Experiences	5	5
Continuing Ed/Certificate	43	43
Intensive and Training Enrollments	112	112

Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS)	July Totals	Year-to Date Totals
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Customers	41	41
Employability Assessment Interview (EAI) Customers	19	19

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Veterans Highlights

Wednesday, September 6, Vets Coffee at Richard Childress Racing in Welcome, is partnering with UNC TV to preview the new Ken Burns documentary on the Vietnam War. Join them and bring your Veteran Friends. Richard Childress wants to fill his 1,000 seat event center room for this special presentation. The RCR museum will be open for a free visit by our attendees after the Vets Coffee.

There will be a special guest at this event...Retired Army Lt. Colonel Walter "Joe" Marm, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, earned during the Vietnam War.



In 2015, Cheryl Lide, a successful real estate professional from Georgia, found herself in a difficult dilemma that she had not planned for...moving to a new rural community to help care for her aging mother. The new job market proved to be taxing for Cheryl, as she found it was difficult competing with technology savvy millennials. Cheryl expressed that not only was she likely "aging out" of her profession, but she was decidedly "old school" in her approach to navigating the workforce. Nevertheless, she still had the responsibility to continue to support herself and her family financially. She explained that she wanted to find a softer landing place, one that would assist in her efforts to "reinvent" herself. Cheryl found that softer landing place and support at DavidsonWorks. She discovered that DavidsonWorks was full of people that cared and encouraged her on her journey.

While Cheryl was job searching in the Resource Room, she applied for the DavidsonWorks training scholarship program participating in a Professional Office Practices (POP) class provided by DCCC. In the POP class, Cheryl would be able to update her Microsoft Office and customer service skills. Once she successfully completed the class, Cheryl participated in the work experience program through DavidsonWorks at the West Davidson Public Library. Cheryl's interest and passion in education was a good fit for the library's children's summer reading program where she was offered a permanent part-time position.

During that same time, the DavidsonWorks Resource Room staff was undergoing some staffing changes and needed an outstanding customer service professional. The staff immediately identified Cheryl as an ideal candidate and she was hired in September 2016 as the newest member of the DavidsonWorks' team. Cheryl has proven herself to be a tremendous asset to DavidsonWorks and to the residents of Davidson County. Customers appreciate her friendly smile and ability to relate to their own employment journeys.

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