



Monthly Report **October 2017**

	DavidsonWorks NCWorks Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville NCWorks Career Center Monthly Total	Year-to Date Totals
NCWorks Center Customer Visits	515	441	3,777
Intensive services which includes: Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	517	328	3,462
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	70	12	727
DavidsonWorks Business Contacts & Services	41	30	291
Business Recruitment Events	4	5	46

Resource Room and Career Services

- ◆ The Lexington Resource Room hosted 6 hiring events with 3 companies. During those events, 56 interviews occurred. While we’re still waiting to hear from some employers on the number of people they hired, we have already confirmed that 7 people got a job through these hiring events!
- ◆ The Thomasville Resource Room hosted 5 hiring events with 4 companies. Out of 33 interviews, twelve customers who attended the events were hired and have already started work!
- ◆ Career Development Consultants (CDC) met with Bill Adams, Director of Occupational Extension, and full time Electrical Lineman Instructor, George Speight at Forsyth Tech. CDCs were given a tour and were able to observe an outside simulation “classroom” in progress where students climbed poles and worked on transformers. CDCs were also able to participate in a hands-on demonstration of the equipment and machines used in class.
- ◆ As always, October means the NCWorks Partnership Conference in Greensboro. Due to the close proximity, several staff were able to attend sessions that will them better serve customers and network with partners from across the state.
- ◆ All staff attended training on how to best assist customers with limited English proficiency. There are many resources available to ensure that staff can communicate with a customers regardless of the language that the customer speaks. Recently, staff has had to use the translation resource a few times to assist non-English speaking customers, and it has proven to be a valuable resource.



Left to right: Unknown, Wanda Montgomery, George Speight, and Nancy Holland

Youth News



- ⇒ Get REAL enrolled five new students this month.
- ⇒ The students celebrated Fall Fest at DCCC on October 5th. The theme was Harry Potter, and several students participated in the costume contest.
- ⇒ Students celebrated Spirit Week at Get REAL October 9th -12th. This is an annual event for the Get REAL Program, all students and teachers participated. This year, the different events included Wacky Sock/Hat Day, Dress to Impress, Wear Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness), and Tacky Day (Pizza Party).
- ⇒ Students also celebrated Halloween with food and a movie.

WIOA Youth	Oct. Totals
Number in Work Experience	9
Continuing Ed/Certificate	2
Number of Students in (HSE/AHS)	53
Intensive Case Management	72

Business Services - Highlights

Businesses continue to utilize the NCWorks Career Centers in Thomasville and Lexington to recruit and interview candidates. On the last day of October, Leggett & Platt hosted a recruitment event at the Lexington Career Center. Over 30 people were interviewed during their two hour recruitment time. Initial reports from Leggett & Platt's human resource manager were positive about the turnout including the number of attendees and quality of the candidates.

On November 21st Ashley Furniture will be recruiting from the NCWorks Career Center in Lexington from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Since July 1st (beginning of PY 2017), 46 recruitment events have been held between the two career centers. For more information about recruiting from one of the NCWorks Career Centers, contact Tim Maness, 336-242-2970, tim.maness@davidsoncountync.gov.

Adult & Dislocated Worker Services

Program Activities	October Totals
Work Experiences	2
Continuing Ed/Certificate	8
Intensive and Training Enrollments	109

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Veterans Highlights



SUCCESS STORY

Joshua Manring came to NC Works Career Center -Thomasville in January 2017, as a dislocated worker seeking information about unemployment insurance. A DWS Staff person explained the process for filing a claim, and then referred Josh to a Career Development Consultant to discuss an upcoming class in Industrial Maintenance at DCCC. DavidsonWorks partners with DCCC to provide funding for students who are eligible through the WIOA program. Josh was WIOA eligible. Josh was enrolled, he was eager to acquire a new skill set in Industrial Maintenance.

When Josh completed his certificate in Industrial Maintenance, NCWorks Staff worked with the owners of Bull City Ciderworks (BCC) who was very receptive to participating in a work experience with Josh. At the end of the work experience, Josh was offered full-time employment with BCC in August 2017.



Left to right: Owner, Ryan Bogard
WIOA Participant, Josh Manning

Josh is grateful to DavidsonWorks and NCWorks Career Center staff for showing him a pathway for learning new skills and obtaining full-time employment. Josh credits the Bull City Ciderworks entrepreneurial owners for creating a positive and inspiring work environment for the whole team. The primary onsite owner, Ryan Bogard, was a great mentor and cross trainer to Josh in production, maintenance and warehousing.

Ryan expressed appreciation to DavidsonWorks for the Work Experience Program. He believes it is a great opportunity for individuals who are seeking employment to acquire the skills they need to be employable. At the same time, it is also a bridge for employers to work with unemployed job seekers to evaluate their skills and abilities and observe work habits with little risk. Ryan explained that the work experience is beneficial to all parties. Josh, loves his job and looks forward to going to work every day. It was best summarized when Josh said, "I could work here forever!"

*Respectively submitted,
Nancy Holland, Career Development Consultant (CDC)*