

Opportunities For Veterans



The WorkPlace is proud to offer support and career services for Veterans to capitalize on their strengths and skills to secure employment.

We have two new initiatives designed to help Veterans find meaningful employment. The Military to Machinist program helps Veterans with skills training to obtain jobs in advanced manufacturing. Participants will learn how to use and operate high tech tools common in the industry and will work with staff to access training and education opportunities that lead to advanced manufacturing certifications. Staff will work with participants to secure employment with local manufacturing companies upon completion of the program.

Platform to Employment (P2E) has years of success under its belt, averaging an 80% placement rate since 2011. We have now launched a program for America's bravest, P2E for Veterans. Veterans who enroll in the program work with a dedicated career coach and employment specialist to identify specific challenges, improve job search skills, prepare for interviews, and ultimately find a career. Dan Boeger, a recent P2E for Veterans graduate and a U.S. Navy Veteran, lost his previous job due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dan worked with his career coach to leverage his professional experience and develop effective job search strategies. He used his new skills to secure subsidized employment as a Project Manager for Giant Siding and Windows and has since been hired for a permanent position.

Our education and career training programs are an excellent opportunity for Veterans to get personalized counseling and support to help guide their career paths. Visit the Veterans page on our website for more information www.workplace.org/veterans.

Health Career Academy Open Enrollment



The Health CareerRx Academy provides occupational skills training, work readiness, and additional supports to individuals looking to begin or advance in a healthcare career. Burning Glass, a labor insight tool, estimates a 33% growth in Connecticut's healthcare jobs over the next decade. Nurses, especially Registered Nurses, are in high demand and can be a rewarding career that pays. We help students obtain certifications or degrees to open up a world of opportunities in the health care field.

Get started today to become a CNA, Sterile Processing, or Pharmacy Technician. All training is available at no cost, and student materials will be provided. The WorkPlace also offers support services to help participants with childcare, transportation, immunizations, technology, and more. Training opportunities lead to a certificate or degree and prepare individuals to pass a state or national license exam. Contact Pandora at pwilliams@workplace.org to get started.

Manufacturing Training Opportunity



The manufacturing industry is growing and needs trained workers. The WorkPlace has partnered with Housatonic Community College (HCC) to provide academic and occupational skills

training in advanced manufacturing. Students will have access to both WorkPlace and HCC Academic and Support Services and will prepare to earn nationally recognized credentials. All training is available at no cost.

Career opportunities in the manufacturing industry are growing, and positions are opening up for skilled workers. There is no better time than now to start training for a career. Manufacturing jobs are available in a variety of different occupations. Anyone interested in the advanced manufacturing program can begin by contacting Grixaliz at gmontes@workplace.org or visit our website www.workplace.com/careerhub to apply.

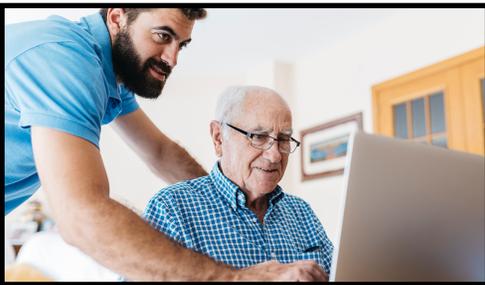
There Is an Answer To Your Personal Mortgage Problems

MORTGAGE CRISIS JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know struggling to pay a mortgage? Since 2008, The Mortgage Crisis Job Training Program (MCJTP) has helped Connecticut residents avoid foreclosure.

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many unemployed and struggling to pay their mortgages. Loss of work, insufficient income, overwhelming bills, or other financial challenges leaves people at risk of losing their homes. The Connecticut General Assembly created the MCJTP to help borrowers keep their homes by increasing their job skills and becoming more financially stable. MCJTP participants receive customized employment services and job training scholarships to increase their earning potential. Workforce Specialist can help borrowers improve their earning potential and get back on track with their mortgage. Visit our website to watch how the MCJTP helped Jennifer Morelli and her husband increase their income and keep their home.

MaturityWorks Wins New Grant



The WorkPlace recently won a four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to continue operating the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and expand our operations in New York. The SCSEP program provides Seniors with paid work experience opportunities at local non-profits and public agencies.

Mature workers are among the hardest hit by the pandemic closures. The pandemic has left many feeling very isolated, especially older Americans and those who live alone. As part of this grant, we will be partnering with Yale-New Haven Health Systems to operate a program that addresses a wide range of general and preventative health issues, including isolation.

Connecting with technology can be a challenge for older Americans, especially those looking to get back into the workforce. MaturityWorks has been distributing laptops and tablets to trainees and will partner with the CareerHub to roll out a Virtual Genius Bar Youth Support Team. Young adults will be partnered with seniors and assist them with learning new technologies and troubleshooting any technical issues. Bridging the technology divide will ensure our seniors are able to access and participate in virtual training opportunities.

P2E Re-Entry Continues to Create Opportunities



The re-entry services offered at The WorkPlace help individuals define their skills and get back to work. Having a criminal justice record can make finding a job difficult, even if you have experience and qualifying skills.

Platform to Employment (P2E) Re-Entry participant Shuuku Henderson experienced this issue firsthand. Shuuku, who

has experience in manufacturing, turned to The WorkPlace to help him find a position that aligned with his skill set. The P2E Re-Entry staff helped him update his resume and prepare for interviews. Shuuku improved his job search skills, computer skills, and learned how to send emails for the first time. Shuuku now works as an Assembly Machine Operator in Branford.

"Being a part of P2E Re-Entry was a humbling experience. Everyone on the team went above and beyond. They were open and sincere; no question was too silly to ask. They were willing to walk with us step by step."

All re-entry services are available at no cost to the participant. If you or someone you know would like more information contact us at (203) 610-6562 or p2ereentry@workplace.org.

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Upcoming Events

CareerHub Virtual Information Session
Every Monday 10am-11am via Zoom

Health Career Academy Virtual Information Session
Every Tuesday 10:30am-12pm via Zoom
Every Thursday 2pm-3:30pm via Zoom

Visit www.workplace.org/calendar for registration information