

The Workplace is Hoppin'

Submitted by Fauquier County DSS



Workplace Resource Center in Warrenton, Virginia

The Workplace Career Resource Center in Warrenton has been adapting its programs to meet the public, clients and employers needs since opening our doors in the late 1990's. Most recently, as a result of the economic downturn and an increase in the number of people requiring services in The Workplace, the new services were added. Specialized workshops were designed, developed and implemented to assist job seekers. The workshops were created in collaboration with Literacy Volunteers of Fauquier County (LVFC), which is co-located with DSS and The Workplace.

Several Fauquier DSS employees received training for the workshops and have accepted the responsibility for presenting information and materials as lead trainers.

The workshops are presented Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., on a bi-weekly rotating schedule. Workshops are open to the public (walk-ins), as well as our VIEW/TANF and SNAP clients, who are encouraged to participate.

The workshops are:

- Virginia Employment Commission — how to register for work, how to apply for unemployment benefits online.
- Resume Preparation
- Tips on Finding a Job
- Interviewing Skills
- Good Work Habits (after you get the job)
- Conflict Resolution



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In addition to the above workshops, The Workplace liaisons with the following agencies in providing group and one-on-one assistance for employment services: Department of Rehabilitative Services, Virginia Employment Commission, SAFE Domestic Violence Program, Division of Child Support Enforcement, Fauquier Extension Office, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program, and others.

The collaborative effort of The Workplace and LVFC affords group and individual services to clients such as: resume preparation, career coaching, mentoring services, and computer classes. The Workplace and LVFC work collectively to maintain the Work Place/LVFC computer center, providing clients with the latest versions and current software updates. Recently, Sandy Painter, senior case manager, Employment Services, completed the WIA training and passed the exam to receive her Workforce Development Professional Credentials.

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