

CT Employment Resources

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Background

This resource was created for CT providers working with persons who have experienced homelessness and are seeking education, job training or work opportunities. If you have resources to add to this document or encounter broken links and are unable to locate the information you need, please contact Liz Isaacs at lisaacs@housinginnovations.us

CT Department of Labor (DOL)

[DOL - Info on Workforce Development Boards](#)

This presentation provides information on Services offered through the American Job Service One Stop System.

[American Job Centers](#)

The American Job Center (AJC) system is a partnership of organizations that provide workforce assistance to job seekers and employers. This collaboration of state, regional, and local organizations help prepare and train workers and offers services that help business and industry find talent. AJCs have services for everyone, regardless of employment status. AJC services are free and available in person and virtually.

[Office of Apprenticeship Training](#)

Registered apprentices earn while they learn: they master a trade through a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction. Thousands of companies across Connecticut have benefited from a customized Registered Apprenticeship training program. These programs increase workforce recruitment and proficiency, help employers transfer occupational skills to a new generation of workers, and ensure succession planning. Depending upon the trade, apprenticeship programs may last 1-4 years.

[Connecticut Career Resource Network](#)

The Connecticut Career Resource Network (CCRN) is the state counterpart of the federal Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN). PCRN offers career and technical programs of study, which may be adopted by local educational agencies and post secondary institutions as an option to students (and their parents as appropriate) when planning for and completing future coursework.

[Jobs First Employment Services](#)

Connecticut's Jobs First Employment Services (JFES) program helps parents gain the skills needed to obtain meaningful employment and become independent of assistance. The program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and the five Workforce Development Boards (WDBs).

[Rapid Response Team - Dislocated Worker Unit](#)

The Rapid Response Unit responds to large layoffs and plant closings by helping affected workers find a new job as quickly as possible. We also help struggling businesses by referring them to programs that can help them weather a downturn.

[Tips for Job Seekers](#)

Busy job hunters can find information here about writing resumes, drafting cover letters and preparing for job interviews and career fairs.

[Job Training and Education Information](#)

Information on labor market, education opportunities and no-cost manufacturing and health care job training.

[CT Youth Employment](#)

The Connecticut Youth Employment program runs year-round and is implemented by the state's five Workforce Development Boards to increase youth leadership, improve job readiness, and strengthen economic stability. The program connects young people ages 14 - 24 with meaningful jobs that help them build professional networks, gain valuable work experience, and improve their resumes.

Other CT Programs

[Career ConneCT program](#)

Career ConneCT helps eligible people access and participate in short-term (typically 5- to 20-week) training programs that allows you to earn industry-recognized credentials and find entry-level employment in a high-quality career pathway. If you are eligible, Career ConneCT participants may also receive a skills inventory, case management, and job placement support, as well as supportive services such as transportation, childcare, housing, food, technology, benefits counseling, stipends, and/or other services needed to attend job training and care for your family during training.

[DMHAS - Supported Employment Services](#)

Employment Services are integral to the DMHAS' goal of offering a recovery-oriented system of care for persons in recovery who experience behavioral health conditions. One of the first significant steps to be taken in this direction is to ensure that all DMHAS consumers have both the necessary opportunities and supports to become involved in meaningful activities of their choice as well as to contribute to the broader community. Individuals with behavioral health conditions consistently express their desire for employment. From the recovery perspective, meaningful employment has been shown to promote recovery from psychiatric and addiction disorders and to facilitate improvements in diverse domains from symptom relief to successful community integration.

[UniteCT Work Force Rental Assistance Program](#)

UniteCT Workforce Rental Assistance Program provides up to 3 months of rental assistance for qualifying participants registered in a workforce training program in Connecticut.

Money Management

[Money Smart - A Financial Education Program](#)

The FDIC Money Smart financial education program can help people of all ages enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. First released in 2001 and regularly updated since then, Money Smart has a long track record of success.

CT Community Action Agencies (CAA) - Employment Services and Financial Management Training

Through the identification and removal of social and economic barriers, the mobilization of community resources, advocacy, and the provision of direct services at the community level, CAAs use cost-effective and community-based processes to help limited income people and communities in all 169 cities and towns across the state.

[CAA Homepage](#)

[Services offered at CAAs](#)

Community Colleges Financial Literacy and Job Training

[Workforce Development and Continuing Education](#)

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education division offers short-term licensure and certificate training programs and courses designed to meet the needs of Connecticut residents and businesses. These high-quality programs provide individuals who are re-entering the workforce or seeking to develop new technical skills an opportunity to advance in their careers.

Employment First

Employment First is a national systems-change framework centered on the premise that all individuals, including those individuals with the most significant disabilities, are capable of full participation in [Competitive Integrated Employment \(CIE\)](#) and community life.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/employment-first>

Career Exploration

These websites help participants explore what careers are out there and how a participant's interest might match up with different jobs/careers.

[My Next Move](#)

[Occupation On-Line](#)

Job Search Websites:

www.indeed.com; www.careerbuilder.com; www.snagajob.com; www.CTHires.com;

www.monster.com; www.ziprecruiter.com; www.linkedin.com; www.flexjobs.com;

www.usajobs.gov; www.craigslist.com

Temporary Jobs

[People Ready](#)

PeopleReady connects businesses and qualified and motivated local temporary workers.

[Temporaries of New England](#)

TNE is a full-service temporary staffing company employing people all throughout Connecticut in a variety of industries.

Hospitality Employment Websites

[Hospitality Solutions](#) & [Chief of Staff](#)

Eastern CT Resources

[Pipeline Training and Jobs](#)

Trains people for manufacturing jobs, help with day care, transportation and small stipend at the end of training. Job offers if you complete the training.

[New London Youth Employment](#)

Offered through the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, in partnership with EASTCONN, Norwich Human Services and New London Youth Affairs, the Connecticut Youth Employment program is for eligible youth, ages 14 to 24, who reside in eastern Connecticut. Participants are paid minimum wage to work approximately 80-100 hours during July and August, and some internships continue longer. Internships may be in person or remote, and include trainings in pre-employability skills, such as resume writing, goal setting, career interests and lifestyle budgeting, as well as getting connected with their local community. The purpose of the program is to help youth obtain the skills needed for their career pathway.