

April Newsletter



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Center News

Welcome to our April Newsletter! As we step into the blooming season of spring, let's take a moment to reflect on the various awareness campaigns happening this month. April brings attention to **Autism Awareness**, reminding us to celebrate the unique strengths and talents of individuals on the spectrum. It's also **Stress Awareness Month**, urging us to prioritize self-care and mental health amidst life's challenges. Additionally, **Earth Day**, on April 22nd, prompts us to honor and protect our planet, fostering sustainability and environmental stewardship. Let's come together to raise awareness, support one another, and make positive changes in our communities and beyond. Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives as we embrace the spirit of April!

This month is also **Arab American Heritage Month**. Click [here](#) or visit <https://www.arabamerica.com> to learn about the history and local celebratory events.

The Virginia Career Works (VCW) Prince William and Cherokee Avenue Centers are open to customers for business services from 9:00am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Business services include computer use, faxing, printing, as well as typing tests. Visit our website at <https://vcwnorthern.com> for information about our partners and services.

When visiting a Virginia Career Works Center, we ask parents to make childcare arrangements. However, if customers are unable to make alternate childcare arrangements, children must always be supervised by a parent or guardian while in the Center.

SPOTLIGHT



ELEVATE PROGRAM

Do you Live or Have a Business in Prince William County? Impacted by COVID-19?

Email ELEVATEjobseekers@vcwnorthern.com or call 703-488-8343 for more information on our FREE services today!

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Gain access to on demand courses in business, technology, and creative. Licenses available at NO cost. Learn more by visiting:

<https://vcwnorthern.com/jobseekers/linkedin-learning/>

Tax Season is ending soon...

FREE TAX PREPARATION



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low income in the Northern Virginia community. If you or your family earned less than \$65,000 in 2023, you may qualify for this free service!

Saturdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
January 27 - April 13, 2024

@ VCW Prince William Center
No Appointment Necessary



Workshops and More

FAIRFAX COUNTY TalentUP

Elevating Opportunities, Empowering Talent

Fairfax County Employers



**"TALENT UP"
YOUR WORKFORCE!**

Join us on
**Wednesday,
April 10, 2024
9:00am - 10:00am**

REGISTER: bit.ly/TUF_Employer

ATTENTION Fairfax County Residents!
Virtual Information Session
Friday, April 26, 2024
11:00am - Noon



For more information, email:
talentupfairfax@vcwnorthern.com.
REGISTER: bit.ly/TU_InfoSession_Apr



Scan me

Financial Education & Housing Counseling Classes

- **April 2, 2024 7:00 PM Spending and Savings Plan** – Virtual
- **April 4, 2024 7:00 PM Credit and Debt Management** – Virtual
- **April 9, 2024 1:00 PM Smart Money Management** – Virtual
- **April 11, 2024 7:00 PM Borrowing Basics** – Virtual
- **April 13, 2024 9:00 AM Virginia Housing First-Time Home Buyer Education Seminar In-Person** Sudley North
- **April 16, 2024 7:00 PM Predatory Lending** – Virtual
- **April 17, 2024 7:00 PM Smart Money Management In-Person**
- **April 27, 2024 9:00 AM Virginia Housing First-Time Home Buyer Education Seminar In-Person** Ferlazzo Building



Small Business 101 Workshop

Thursday, April 18, 2024
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Will be held online

Pre-register:
<https://bit.ly/SmallBus101>



English Language Acquisition (ELA) and GED classes end on April 15th. Registration for Summer ELA and GED classes begin late April/early May. Scan the QR code to start the registration process.



SCAN ME

PWCS Adult Education offers classes for GED preparation, digital literacy, learning English and certification courses for small businesses and entrepreneurship.

For full details including class schedules, fees and registration information visit <https://adulthood.pwcs.edu>, email adulthood@pwcs.edu, or call 703-791-7357.



RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

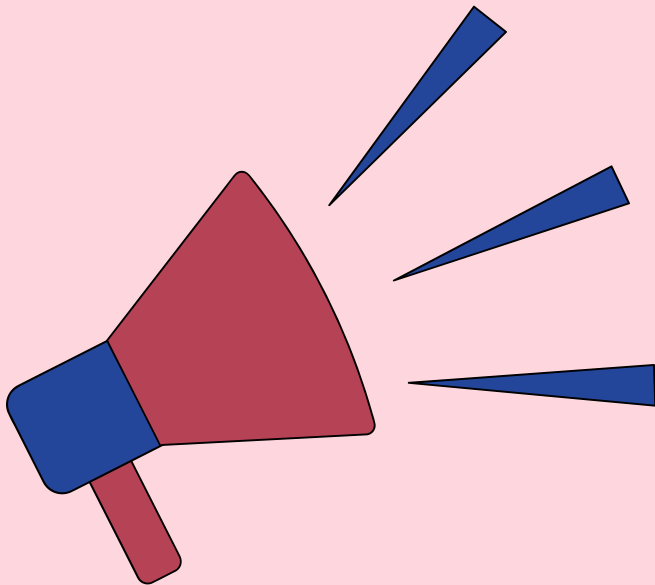
Tuesday, April 30, 2024
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Reserve your seat:
bit.ly/3PFU8f3



If you require supportive services for any type of disability to participate in the Virginia Career Works-Prince William Center workshops or services, auxiliary aids are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Hiring Events



Prince William County Multi-Employer Job Fair

ELEVATE

BUILDING BUSINESS & CAREERS

An initiative of Prince William Economic Development

PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY, VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SKILLSOURCE
GROUP
Northern Virginia Workforce System

VIRGINIA
CAREER WORKS

NORTHERN REGION
A proud partner of the AmeriCorps Center



SCAN ME!

JOBSEEKERS: Please REGISTER using QR code or click the link: bit.ly/4cyqMZK

EMPLOYERS: To participate, email Jennifer Ibarra at ELEVATEemployers@vcwnorthern.com

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

TIME: 11:00am - 2:00pm

LOCATION: A.J. Ferlazzo Building
15941 Donald Curtis Dr.
Woodbridge, VA 22191

VIRGINIA
CAREER WORKS
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MEET THE EMPLOYERS

JOB FAIR

Hosted By
VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS
CHEROKEE AVENUE CENTER

TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come and Explore Opportunities!
5520 CHEROKEE AVENUE, GROUND FLOOR
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES,
USAG FORT BELVOIR
FCPS TRANSPORTATION
METRO TRANSIT POLICE
MULLER, INC.



PEOPLEREADY
SERVICESOURCE
SHINESBRIGHTLY
WEGMANS FOOD MARKET

In-person Event.
Walk-ins Welcome.

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Hello,
Spring

Partner Information

DARS	Services are available by phone and email.	For information, call 703-335-5550 (press 0 for the front desk) or visit www.vadars.org .
Department of Social Services (DSS)	To apply for public assistance, visit https://commonhelp.virginia.gov .	For general information, call 703-792-7500; For questions, email commonhelp@dss.virginia.gov .
ECMC The College Place-Alexandria	Available to support students reach their goals of attending college! ECMC Learning is a financial wellness center for students to complete many free courses. To get started, register for your account today online at http://www.ecmclearning.org/tcp-alexandria .	Email Jason Puryear, Student Success & Outreach Director, at alexandriavatcp@ecmc.org or call 434-218-2675 for questions or more information.
Employment Supports for Lifelong Achievement (ESLA)	Program provides services to residents of Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties with barriers such as low-income, legal history, and/or disabilities.	Visit www.vcwnorthern.com/esla for more information.
Prince William Financial Empowerment Center (PW FEC)	Provides services to help individuals and families in Prince William County advance on a path toward financial stability. Services include financial and small business coaching, financial workshops, housing counseling, and free tax preparation.	For more information, go to https://vcwnorthern.com/pwfec/ Complete an Interest Form and view calendar online.
Melwood	Melwood JOBS is designed to assist Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients of differing abilities to obtain and maintain employment while mitigating crises. Serving residents of Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Prince William County, and the City of Fredericksburg.	Email CrWilliams@melwood.org for more information.
Northern Virginia Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)	If you are age 55 or older, currently unemployed and meet certain financial criteria, you may be eligible.	Contact Debbie Fletcher at 703-488-8196 or email scsep@vcwnorthern.com . Attend one of the upcoming Information Sessions to learn more about the program, Tuesdays - 12pm to 1 pm or Wednesdays - 2pm to 3pm. Visit https://vcwnorthern.com/scsep for more information.
Prince William County Schools Adult Education	Community Engagement and Citizenship Preparation, English Language Acquisition (ELA), GED, and other classes are available. For full 2024 class schedule and information, visit http://adulthood.pwcs.edu .	Email adulthood@pwcs.edu or see a staff member for information.
Ticket to Work Program	Are you a job seeker with a disability who wants to work and are receiving SSI or SSDI?	Call 703-827-3782 or email myticket@vcwnorthern.com .
Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)	The fastest way to apply for new unemployment benefits, file an additional claim, reopen an existing claim, and certify weekly benefits is through the VEC's Customer Self-Service (CSS) online portal. Visit www.vec.virginia.gov to view tutorials to set up an account and file claims for unemployment.	You may file and inquire about unemployment benefits through the Customer Contact Center by calling 1-866-832-2363 (Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30 pm)
Virginia Works – Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA)	<i>Effective January 16, 2024</i> , the new agency, DWDA, offers job services to employers and jobseekers. Jobseekers can receive assistance with their job search and preparation in-person and virtually.	For more information, call 703.897.0407 or email Princwilliam@vec.virginia.gov
WIOA / WIOA Youth	Unemployed and struggling to find employment? Or need an upgrade your skills to gain employment?	To sign up for an Information Session to learn more about the programs and to apply, visit https://vcwnorthern.com/wioa ; young adults, ages 17-24, visit https://vcwnorthern.com/youth-programs .



WIOA Title I-financially assisted programs and Virginia Career Works – Northern are an equal opportunity program/employer committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations, to include auxiliary aids and services, are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.