

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## New Year 2025 Edition

The Virginia Career Works (VCW) Prince William and Cherokee Avenue Centers are open to serve your business needs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Available services include computer access, faxing, printing, and typing tests. Visit our website at <https://vcwnorthern.com> for more information about our programs and services.

### Spotlight

#### Pathfinder Kitchen

Ready to cook up a new career? Enrollment is now open!

##### Transform Your Future with FREE Culinary Skills Training in:

- Knife Skills
- Food Prep Techniques
- ServSafe Food Handler and Allergen Certifications
- Professional Development
- Financial Empowerment
- Small Business Classes
- Selling Food You Prepare to Customers

Learn More:

[britepaths.org/pathfinder-kitchen](http://britepaths.org/pathfinder-kitchen)

##### To Enroll:

1. Scan the QR code or click to complete this [Google Interest Form](#).
2. Attend an in-person Information Session **Jan 7th, 14th, or 21st, 10am at:**

##### Host Location:

Anna Sudha Community Kitchen  
Dulles Town Circle, Ste #190  
Sterling, Virginia 20166

##### Landmark:

Lower level, opposite Waldin Jewelers, next to Macy's (use entrance between Dick's & Macy's)

##### Class Schedule:

February 4 - March 13, 2025; 9am - 2pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays



### It's that time again...

#### VITA 2025 FREE Tax Preparation Services January 25 - April 12, 2025

##### SITE LOCATION:

Virginia Career Works  
Prince William Center  
13370 Minnieville Road  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**SATURDAYS: 10AM - 2PM**

**-Walk-In Only-**

### Free Training Tool

#### Linkedin Learning

Are you looking to upskill, explore new passions, or boost your career? Training available on your schedule with this online training tool.

To get your free license, complete the Interest Questionnaire online.

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

### Hiring Event

#### Reyes Holdings

**WAREHOUSE ORDER SELECTORS  
NEEDED IN MANASSAS, VA!**

**In-person Hiring Event on  
Wednesday, January 15th;  
10:00am - 4pm**

**Location:** 12501 Randolph Ridge Lane  
Manassas, VA 20109

- 2nd and 3rd Shifts Available
- Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds
- Age requirement: 18 and over
- Good Benefits and Pay Incentives

### This Month

- January is **Mental Wellness Month**
- January 20 - Inauguration Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Center Closed)

# WORKSHOPS & MORE

## CLASS SCHEDULES

### GED / ESOL (Session 3):

January 28 - April 3, 2025 (Virtual and/or in-person)

### Entrepreneurship and Small Business:

February 25 - June 3, 2025

### Microsoft Office Specialist (Outlook):

January 28 - February 26, 2025



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All classes follow the PWCS school calendar. Visit [www.pwcs.edu/adulted](http://www.pwcs.edu/adulted) or scan the QR code to register for classes. If you have questions about a class schedule or need additional information about classes, call 703-791-7357 or email [AdultEd@pwcs.edu](mailto:AdultEd@pwcs.edu).

## Financial Education Workshops

### Virtual Workshop Series on TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM for the following dates:

- Jan. 7 - **Series I: Budget Basics**
- Jan. 14 - **Series II: Borrowing Basics & Loan Options**
- Jan. 21 - **Series III: Understanding Credit Reports & Scores**
- Jan. 28 - **Series IV: Identity Theft, Avoiding Fraud & Scams**



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### Credit & Debt Management

Thursday, Jan. 9 @ 7:00PM (Virtual)

Register: [bit.ly/CreditandDebtManagement](http://bit.ly/CreditandDebtManagement)

### Lunch & Learn: Small Business 101 Workshop



Jan. 16 @ 12:00pm

Register: [bit.ly/SmallBus101](http://bit.ly/SmallBus101)

### PAYING FOR COLLEGE!

Virtual Workshop: Wednesday, Jan. 15 @ 7:00PM

Register today: [bit.ly/PayingforCollegeStudentLoans](http://bit.ly/PayingforCollegeStudentLoans)

### Smart Money Management

Tuesday, Jan. 14 @ 1:00PM (Virtual)

Wednesday, Jan. 22 @ 7:00PM

(In-person)

Register: [bit.ly/2smartmoney](http://bit.ly/2smartmoney)

### GETTING READY FOR TAXES!

Virtual Workshop: Thursday, Jan. 23 @ 7:00PM

Register today: [bit.ly/GettingReadyforTaxes](http://bit.ly/GettingReadyforTaxes)

For a full schedule and to register for any of the classes/workshops, go to: [bit.ly/PWFEC\\_JAN2025](http://bit.ly/PWFEC_JAN2025)  
Or, scan the QR code above.



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.

## PARTNER INFORMATION

DARS	Services are available by phone and email.	For information, call 703-335-5550 (press 0 for the front desk) or visit <a href="http://www.vadars.org">www.vadars.org</a> .
Department of Social Services (DSS)	To apply for public assistance, visit <a href="https://commonhelp.virginia.gov">https://commonhelp.virginia.gov</a> .	For general information, call 703-792-7500; For questions, email <a href="mailto:commonhelp@dss.virginia.gov">commonhelp@dss.virginia.gov</a> .
ECMC   The College Place-Alexandria	Provides free information and assistance through in-person, telephone and online support for people of all ages seeking higher learning. The College Place offers presentations and workshops, as well as individual assistance completing applications for college admission, financial aid and scholarships.	Email Jason Puryear, Student Success & Outreach Director, at <a href="mailto:alexandriavatcp@ecmc.org">alexandriavatcp@ecmc.org</a> 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 <a href="http://www.vcwnorthern.com/esla">www.vcwnorthern.com/esla</a> 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 <a href="https://vcwnorthern.com/pwfec/">https://vcwnorthern.com/pwfec/</a>  Complete an <a href="#">Interest Form</a> and view calendar online.
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 <a href="mailto:scsep@vcwnorthern.com">scsep@vcwnorthern.com</a> . Attend one of the upcoming Information Sessions to learn more about the program, Tuesdays - 12pm to 1 pm or Wednesdays - 2pm to 3pm. Visit <a href="https://vcwnorthern.com/scsep">https://vcwnorthern.com/scsep</a> 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 <a href="http://adulthood.pwcs.edu">http://adulthood.pwcs.edu</a> .	Email <a href="mailto:adulthood@pwcs.edu">adulthood@pwcs.edu</a> 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 <a href="mailto:myticket@vcwnorthern.com">myticket@vcwnorthern.com</a> .
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 <a href="http://www.vec.virginia.gov">www.vec.virginia.gov</a> 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)	Effective January 16, 2024, 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.	Contact 703.897.0407 Email <a href="mailto:Princwilliam@virginiaworks.gov">Princwilliam@virginiaworks.gov</a>
WIOA / WIOA Youth	Unemployed and struggling to find employment? Or need an upgrade your skills to gain employment?	To sign up for an <a href="#">Information Session</a> to learn more about the programs and to apply, visit <a href="https://vcwnorthern.com/wioa">https://vcwnorthern.com/wioa</a> ; young adults, ages 17-24, visit <a href="https://vcwnorthern.com/youth-programs">https://vcwnorthern.com/youth-programs</a> .

