



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### CENTER INFORMATION

The Virginia Career Works (VCW) Prince William County 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 test. Refer to page 3 or visit our website at <https://vcwnorthern.com> for more information about our programs, events and services.

### TAX SEASON BEGINS SOON...



### FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

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 \$69,000 in 2025, you may qualify for this free service!**

**SATURDAYS: 10AM – 2PM  
JANUARY 31 – APRIL 11, 2026**

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

**Walk-ins ONLY / NO appointment required.**

**Tuesdays DIY TAX PREP LIVE : Prepare Your Own Taxes with Expert Support - Coming February - March 2026  
Registration is open!**

**ONLINE - <https://bit.ly/3Mlesxl>**

**IN-PERSON - <https://bit.ly/3MPawew>**

### UPCOMING EVENT



**NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER  
VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm EST**

**Location:  
ONLINE via Premier Virtual**

**JOB SEEKER REGISTRATION:  
<https://bit.ly/JS-NYNC2026>**

### SPOTLIGHT



**Beginning-level English Classes: Spring 2026**

**In-person** classes in Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, and Lorton. **Online** classes are also available. Visit the website for full schedule and locations.

**Reserve your spot: <https://bit.ly/4qwzmkH>**

Registration begins January 7<sup>th</sup> - **Space is limited.**

## FREE COMPUTER & JOB READINESS WORKSHOPS

### ★ In-person classes; 6 - 9 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays

- Thursday, January 15 - Learn how to access and use **your email** to communicate effectively
- Wednesday, January 21 - Learn how to complete **online job applications**
- Thursday, January 22 - **Microsoft Word I**
- Wednesday, January 28 - **Microsoft Word II**
- Thursday, January 29 - **Microsoft Word III**
- Wednesday, February 4 - Improve **interviewing** and **networking skills**
- Thursday, February 5 - **Microsoft Excel I**
- Wednesday, February 11 - **Microsoft Excel II**
- Thursday, February 12 - **Microsoft Excel III**
- Wednesday, February 18 - **Microsoft PowerPoint**

#### Location:

Adult Learning Center, 14800 Joplin Rd., Building 4, Manassas, VA 20112

#### Registration Required:

<https://www.pwcs.edu/adulted>

## ADULT EDUCATION



### FAIRFAX COUNTY ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ACE)

Offers GED, ESOL, Computer, and Occupational Training Classes. For more information, schedules, and fees, go to: [bit.ly/FCPS\\_ACE](https://bit.ly/FCPS_ACE)



**Prince William County Adult Education** offers GED, English, Microsoft Office, and other specialty classes. For registration and information, visit [pwcs.edu/AdultEd](https://pwcs.edu/AdultEd).

## ONLINE TRAINING TOOL

### LinkedIn Learning

Are you looking to upskill, explore new passions, or boost your career? More than 16K courses available online and on your schedule. To get your **free license complete the Interest Form online:** [bit.ly/VCWN-LIL](https://bit.ly/VCWN-LIL)

## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS



Financial Empowerment Center  
at Prince William County

**January 2026 Calendar of Events:** Scan QR code or visit [www.vcnorthern.com/pwfec](https://www.vcnorthern.com/pwfec) for a full list of available workshops and to reserve your seat.



SCAN ME

- **4-part Financial Workshop Series** every *Thursday* in January; 7pm - 8pm (Virtual)
- 1/6/2026 @ 1pm - **Smart Money Management** (Virtual)
- 1/8/2026 @ 7pm - **Setting Goals and Making Financial Decisions** (Virtual)
- 1/14/2026 @ 7pm - **Smart Money Management** (In-Person: DSB-Woodbridge)
- 1/15/2026 @ 12pm - Third Thursday Lunch & Learn: **Small Business 101** (Virtual)
- 1/22/2026 @ 7pm - **Paying for College: Student Loans** (Virtual)
- 1/26/2026 @ 7pm - **Small Business 102** (Virtual)



# PARTNER INFORMATION

<b>DARS</b>	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> .
<b>Department of Social Services (DSS)</b>	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> .
<b>ECMC   The College Place-Alexandria</b>	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 for more information.
<b>Employment Supports for Lifelong Achievement (ESLA)</b>	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.vcnorthern.com/esla">www.vcnorthern.com/esla</a> for more information and complete the <a href="#">Inquiry/Referral Form</a> .
<b>Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Adult &amp; Community Education (ACE)</b>	The ACE program includes individual courses and certificate programs. Classes offered virtually or in-person which include driver's ed, ESOL, health/medical, apprenticeships/trades, business and technology. Visit <a href="https://www.fcpsace.org">https://www.fcpsace.org</a> for full list of classes, schedules, and registration.	Questions? Call <a href="tel:703-658-1201">703-658-1201</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 am. to Noon; or, 1 to 4 p.m.</li> <li>Monday-Friday</li> </ul> Or email <a href="mailto:aceonline@fcps.edu">aceonline@fcps.edu</a>
<b>Prince William Financial Empowerment Center (PW FEC)</b>	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.
<b>Prince William County Schools Adult Education</b>	Community Engagement and Citizenship Preparation, English Language Acquisition (ELA), GED, and other classes are available. For full 2025 class schedule and information, visit <a href="http://adulted.pwcs.edu">http://adulted.pwcs.edu</a> .	Email <a href="mailto:adulted@pwcs.edu">adulted@pwcs.edu</a> or see a staff member for information.
<b>Ticket to Work Program</b>	Are you a job seeker with a disability who wants to work and are receiving SSI or SSDI?	For information, complete <b>Interest Form</b> : <a href="https://vcwgov.my.site.com/Application/s/ttw-referral">https://vcwgov.my.site.com/Application/s/ttw-referral</a> or email <a href="mailto:myticket@vcwnorthern.com">myticket@vcwnorthern.com</a> .
<b>Virginia Works – Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA)</b>	<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.	Contact 703.897.0407 Email <a href="mailto:Princewilliam@virginiaworks.gov">Princewilliam@virginiaworks.gov</a>
<b>WIOA / WIOA Youth</b>	Unemployed and struggling to find employment? Or need an upgrade your skills to gain employment?	To sign up for an <b>Information Session</b> 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> .



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.

