Greetings on this Monday! Hope this finds you doing well!

Here are some updates from MAX partners... Special thanks to everyone for your submittals and efforts to keep our workforce development community informed!

**MAX Minutes with Tim Cairl and Hanah Goldberg to Focus on Child Care for Working Parents & Employers:** With schools back in session, online or in-person, many working parents are dealing with unprecedented scheduling challenges. The demand for quality, affordable, and safe child care that clearly existed before the pandemic has only been exacerbated in these times. What were the economic impacts associated with this unmet demand pre-COVID? And as we move forward in these times: How are working parents adapting? How are employers adapting? On September 4th, 9:00 AM, Tim Cairl with the Metro Atlanta Chamber and Hanah Goldberg with GEEARS will join MAX to provide insights from their research into these pivotal questions. [Click here](#) to register.

**MAX ALERT: 2020-2023 Draft Regional Workforce Plan for WorkSource Metro Atlanta Open for Review and Comment:** WorkSource Metro Atlanta’s draft 2020-2023 Regional Workforce Plan for implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is available for review and comment. You can download the plan using the link below. Please contact the ARC Workforce Solutions Group at workforce@atlantaregional.org or 404-463-3327 if you are not able to review the document via this link. Comments will be accepted on the draft plan during a public review period beginning August 28, 2020 and ending September 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Comments should be submitted by email to workforce@atlantaregional.org, or by mail to Atlanta Regional Commission, Workforce Solutions Group, WIOA 2020 Local Plan Comments, 229 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30030. [Click here](#) to download the plan.

**MAX JOB BOARD: CobbWorks, Inc. Seeks Executive Assistant Professional to Join WorkSource Cobb Team:** The Executive Assistant provides administrative support to the executive director, management staff, and board of directors; prepares programmatic and administrative reviews and reports; handles information requests; performs clerical functions (filing, faxing, word processing); prepares correspondence; receives phone calls and visitors; assists in the development and monitoring of budgets, grants and contracts; and supports the creation and dissemination of marketing materials (includes assisting with web-site maintenance). [Click here](#) to learn more.
In addition to the weekly MAX Mondays, [click here](#) to see periodic MAX news and alerts.

### JOB FAIRS AND HIRING EVENTS FOR JOB SEEKERS

#### In-Person Events

[NOTE: Given the ever-evolving situation with COVID-19, job seekers are advised to contact the host prior to the event to confirm event plans.]

- **Goodwill of North Georgia** hosts hiring events and job fairs in partnership with employers at its Career Centers each month. Following is a look at upcoming in-person opportunities to engage with employers. For a complete list of Goodwill events for job seekers, [click here](#) for access to event calendars for each Career Center.
  - **Horizon Staffing Job Fair** – Wednesday, September 1st, Wednesday, September 9th, Wednesday, September 16th, Wednesday, September 23rd, and Wednesday, September 30th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the **Old National Career Center** (6175 Old National Highway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA). Contact Brenda Marshall at 678-554-0412 or [bmarshall@ging.org](mailto:bmarshall@ging.org) for more information.
  - **NOVO Health Hiring Event** – Tuesday, September 1st, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the **Old National Career Center** (6175 Old National Highway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA). Contact Brenda Marshall at 678-554-0412 or [bmarshall@ging.org](mailto:bmarshall@ging.org) for more information.
  - **Terrific Tuesdays Job Fair** – Tuesday, September 1st, Tuesday, September 8th, Tuesday, September 15th, Tuesday, September 22nd, and Tuesday, September 29th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the **Oakwood Career Center** (3715 Munday Mill Road, Oakwood, GA). Contact Johnny Varner at [jvarner@ging.org](mailto:jvarner@ging.org) or 770-538-4209 for more information.
  - **Georgia Department of Corrections Hiring Event** – Wednesday, September 2nd, Wednesday, September 9th, Wednesday, September 16th, Wednesday, September 23rd, and Wednesday, September 30th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the **Stockbridge Career Center** (7291 Davidson Parkway North, Stockbridge, GA). Contact Temeka Minor at [tminor@ging.org](mailto:tminor@ging.org) for more information.
  - **TeamWRX Hiring Fair** – Thursday, September 3rd, Thursday, September 10th, Monday, September 14th, Thursday, September 17th, Monday, September 21st, Thursday, September 24th, and Monday, September 28th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the **Old National Career Center** (6175 Old National Highway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA). Contact Brenda Marshall at 678-554-0412 or [bmarshall@ging.org](mailto:bmarshall@ging.org) for more information.
  - **Manpower Hiring Event** – Tuesday, September 8th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the **Old National Career Center** (6175 Old National Highway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA). Contact Brenda Marshall at 678-554-0412 or [bmarshall@ging.org](mailto:bmarshall@ging.org) for more information.
Multi-Employer Job Fair – Wednesday, September 16th, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Cartersville Career Center (929 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA). Contact Beatriz Gonzalez at bgonzalez@ging.org or 770-276-7036 for more information.

Randstad Hiring Event – Thursday, September 17th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Cartersville Career Center (929 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA). Contact Beatriz Gonzalez at bgonzalez@ging.org or 770-276-7036 for more information.

Georgia Square Mall Job Fair – Wednesday, September 30th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, via the Athens Career Center, at Georgia Square Mall (3700 Atlanta Highway, Athens, GA).

DiversityHiringExpos.com is hosting its 97th Greater Atlanta Professional, Veteran, Collegiate Career Fair on Thursday, September 17th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Cobb Galleria Centre (2 Galleria Parkway, SE, Atlanta, GA). Diversity Hiring Expos.com specializes in diversity, Veteran, bilingual and multicultural career fairs. Participating employers include Fortune 500 companies, local businesses, government agencies, education and nonprofit groups. Click here for more information. Click here to register.

Choice Career Fairs is hosting its Atlanta Career Fair, Thursday, October 8th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody (4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA). Click here to learn more and register.

Virtual Events

Recruit Military is hosting its National Virtual Career Fair for Veterans on Tuesday, September 1st, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Veterans who have served in the U.S. military and their spouses are invited to join this event. Click here to learn more and register.

Goodwill of North Georgia is hosting several Virtual Job Fairs for job seekers in locations throughout north Georgia. Job seekers should go to www.careerconnector.org to learn more and register.

- Dawsonville and Oakwood Virtual Job Fair – Thursday, September 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Schneider Trucking Virtual Job Fair – Thursday, September 10th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Smyrna Virtual Job Fair – Thursday, September 17th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Old National Virtual Job Fair – Thursday, September 24th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

AnalyticsWEEK is hosting its monthly #FirstFridayFair Business, Data & Tech (Virtual Event) – Atlanta on Friday, September 4th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The data science and software development focused career fair utilizes TAO.ai, an AI-led career development platform, to match recruiters with job seekers before the event and arrange for meet-ups during the event. Click here for more information and to register.
• **MilitaryX** is hosting its virtual **Atlanta Veterans Career Fair** on Tuesday, September 8th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event is designed for those who are on active duty, in the National Guard, the Reserves, and their spouses to connect with employers. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

• **Aero ATL**, with support from **Metro Atlanta Industry Partnerships** and **Goodwill of North Georgia**, is hosting its FIRST ever **Virtual Career and Resource Fair** on Thursday, September 10th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are still some employer booths available for this event! Both employers and jobseekers can learn more and register/pre-register. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Coast to Coast Career Fairs** is holding its next **Atlanta Virtual Career Fair** on Monday, September 14th to Wednesday, September 16th, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Job seekers can connect with hiring managers virtually, browse through dozens of employer virtual booths, apply to jobs, and live text or video chat with employers when they are at their booth. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

• **National Career Fairs** is hosting its **Atlanta Virtual Career Fair** on Tuesday, September 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. National Career Fairs has held over 10,000 career fairs nationwide for nearly 20 years. As with its in-person fairs, job seekers will have the opportunity to interview with top employers making hiring decisions at the virtual fair. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **Equal Opportunity Publications** is hosting its **Careers & the Disabled Virtual Career Fair** on Wednesday, September 23rd, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. People with disabilities (including veterans), ranging from current college students and recent college graduates to professionals with backgrounds in all career disciplines are invited to participate. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **Recruit Military** is hosting its **Atlanta Virtual Career Fair for Veterans** on Thursday, October 1st, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Veterans who have served in the U.S. military and their spouses are invited to join this event. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **BestHire Career Fairs** is hosting its **Atlanta Virtual Job Fair** on Thursday, October 8th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Job seekers will have the opportunity to interview with hiring employers from a variety of industries. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **Job Fair Pro** is hosting its **Atlanta Virtual Job Fair** on Thursday, October 8th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Job seekers will have the opportunity to visit with employers at virtual booths to see what they are offering and ask plenty of questions. On-the-spot hiring is possible. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.
• **Hire Heroes USA** is hosting its **Veterans Virtual Career Fair** on Thursday, October 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Active-duty Military, Veterans, and Military dependents seeking full-time, intern, and co-op positions are invited to attend. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **Equal Opportunity Publications** is hosting its **STEM Diversity Virtual Career Expo** on Friday, October 23rd, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Current college students, recent college graduates, entry-level job seekers and experienced professionals who have backgrounds and career interests in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields are invited to participate. Job candidates represent all members of minority groups and diverse cultures, including people with disabilities, women and veterans. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

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## EMPLOYERS HIRING TODAY

### Specific Employers

**NEW POSTING (TIME-SENSITIVE)**

• **Swissport** has 100 spots to fill for the **Amazon Cargo** warehouse at the **Hartsfield Atlanta Jackson International Airport**. Positions are full-time with benefits and weekly pay. Flight benefits available after 6 months. Staff will be in ATL during the first weekend of September to interview and make same day offers. Candidates must have a valid driver’s license, be able to pass a drug test on the interview day as well as a 10-year background check. Contact Inina Thompson at [Inina.Thompson@swissport.com](mailto:Inina.Thompson@swissport.com) to schedule an interview immediately.

**ONGOING POSTINGS**

• **All Turf** is hiring for Lawn Technicians through its operations in Hiram, Loganville, and Suwanee. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Allied Universal** is hiring for Security Officers and several other positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Amazon** is hiring for warehouse team members and delivery station liaisons in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** is partnering with **Opportunity Hub (OHUB)** to recruit for several positions including technical trainer, technical program manager, enablement program manager, organization lead, and systems development engineer. The **OHUB + AWS Tech Talk Series** is an intentional recruiting experience that is inclusive of diverse communities in the tech and non-tech space. OHUB x AWS Tech Talks will highlight diverse subject matter experts from the AWS World Wide Solutions Architecture and Training and Certification teams. During the
hiring experience, job seekers will be able to ask the speakers questions and apply for open roles. This is an opportunity to learn, engage, and connect with AWS in a different way—inclusive of one’s background. Click here to learn more.

- **Avery Dennison**, a global materials science company specializing in the design and manufacture of a wide variety of labeling and functioning materials, is hiring production operators and for several other positions in its Peachtree City, GA location. Click here to learn more and enter “Georgia” in the search field.

- **Barranco Beverage** is seeking candidates for the positions of Beverage Machine Installer/Repairer, Lead Beverage Machine Installer/Repairer, and Construction Foreman. The Beverage Machine Installer/Repairer position requires mechanical skills and the ability to travel 100 percent of the time for work. EPA is preferred but not required. Click here for more job details. The Lead Beverage Machine Installer/Repairer position requires EPA certification, management/leadership experience, and the ability to travel 100 percent of the time for work. Click here for more job details. The Construction Foreman position requires 5+ years of Construction Foreman experience, communication skills, and the ability to travel 100 percent of the time for work. Click here for more job details.

- **Bobby Dodd Institute (BDI)** reaches out to metro Atlanta’s veteran community with 25 remote work jobs. BDI is pleased to announce its veteran-focused recruitment initiative to staff 25 remote Call Center Agents throughout the metro Atlanta area. Retired veterans with excellent communication skills who are looking for an opportunity to continue in service while earning some extra money working remotely are encouraged to contact BDI. Eligible candidates who successfully complete BDI’s Customer Service Academy training will be offered a remote customer service representative position in BDI’s medical supply contact center. Interested veterans who want to learn more about this opportunity should send an email to bdivets@bobbydodd.org and include name, phone number, and the best time for a veteran representative from BDI to contact.

- **CVS Health**, in response to the urgent and increased health care needs of Americans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, is accelerating a plan to fill more than 50,000 full-time and part-time positions across the country. The company has immediate job opportunities for more than 500 positions serving in locations throughout the Atlanta area. Click here to see the list of positions in the Atlanta area. Click here for Job seekers can click here to apply online. Click here for a brochure of what job seekers can expect to see during the online application process.

- **FedEx** is hiring for several positions including but not limited to package handlers, forklift operators, and maintenance techs. Click here to learn more.

- **First Touch Logistics LLC**, an Amazon contractor located in Clayton County, is looking to hire full-time delivery associates to deliver packages for Amazon. The company seeks reliable people ready to work every day for positions that start at $15 per hour. Associates will have the opportunity to drive around in the company’s new Mercedes Benz delivery vans. Training
will be provided. Applicants will need to undergo a virtual interview if selected. [Click here](#) for more information. Interested candidates should email their resumes to [firsttouchlogistics@gmail.com](mailto:firsttouchlogistics@gmail.com).

- **Inline Plastics**, a next generation food packaging company, is hiring for several positions at its McDonough, GA facility. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **JobRise**, a national social enterprise that launches winning businesses and provides life-changing employment for men and women facing barriers to employment, is seeking candidates for the role of Usher/Greeter to work in the DeKalb County area. [Click here](#) for more job details.

- **Kroger** is seeking candidates for hundreds of positions at locations throughout Georgia. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Lowes** is hiring for more than 100 positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Novo Health Services**, a leader in providing sterile linen to hospitals and medical centers, is hiring for a variety of other positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to access the Novo Job Board to learn more. Contact Howard Arden at [harden@novohealthservices.com](mailto:harden@novohealthservices.com) for more information.

- **NPSG Global**, a company based in Kennesaw, GA that specializes in providing e-fulfillment warehouse implementation services for companies like Amazon, is hiring nationwide for Installation Technicians and Crew Leads. [Click here](#) to learn more about the positions available.

- **Rogers**, one of the nation’s leading facility service providers, is seeking a lighting technician, electrical apprentice, and construction electrician to join its team in Atlanta. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Russell Landscape** is seeking landscape professionals to serve in its Atlanta, Buford, Doraville, Mableton, and Sugar Hill locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Sanders Industries Inc.** is hiring Customer Service Representatives, with starting pay at $15.00 per hour, for its call center (1500 Centre Parkway, East Point, GA). [Click here](#) for a job description. For more information, contact James Flynn of Sanders Industries at [jamesflynn@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesflynn@yahoo.com) or 717-799-2706.

- **Southern Company** is seeking candidates for several positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to view available positions.

- **SunTrust** is seeking candidates for several positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to view available positions through ChooseATL.
• **The Home Depot** is seeking candidates for several information technology positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to view available positions through ChooseATL.

• **Tommy Nobis Center** is hiring 100 Virtual Contact Agents, with a pay of $10.00 per hour, for seasonal and immediate employment from August through November. The primary shift is Monday through Thursday, 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM and Sunday, 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Other shifts available. Candidates must have their own computer and access to reliable high-speed internet. [Click here](#) for a flyer. Apply at [https://nobisworks.atsondemand.com](https://nobisworks.atsondemand.com).

• **Tommy Nobis Center** is hiring for workers to fill both temporary and permanent full and part-time positions in warehouse/production and assembly, kitting, packing and labeling. All workers must be able to pass a background check. Immediate employment is available. Contact Pamela Silva at 770-427-9000 or [Pamela.Silva@TommyNobisCenter.org](mailto:Pamela.Silva@TommyNobisCenter.org). Or apply at [https://nobisworks.atsondemand.com](https://nobisworks.atsondemand.com).

• **UPS** is hiring for Package Handlers and other positions. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Walmart** is hiring for several store and warehouse positions in the Atlanta area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Job Boards**

• **ChooseATL** has created the **Helping Atlanta’s Talent Find Jobs** web page with connections to the many businesses around Atlanta that are hiring today. Workers affected by the COVID-19 outbreak can find jobs across industries. [Click here](#) to access.

• **Cobb Chamber** is dedicated to bringing the community and its leaders together to create jobs and strengthen the economy and quality of life so businesses and the community can achieve more. The Chamber recently launched CobbHires.com, the Cobb Chamber’s job board and internship board. [Click here](#) to access.

• **The Greater North Fulton Chamber** is the only regional chamber in North Fulton and serves as the recognized leader for business growth, talent development and regional prosperity. The Chamber recently launched [NorthFultonJobs.com](http://NorthFultonJobs.com) as a workforce development initiative connecting jobs and talent in North Fulton. [Click here](#) to access.

• **The Gwinnett Chamber** improves economic opportunities for all by helping existing businesses grow and expand and recruit quality businesses and high-wage jobs to Georgia, the Metro Atlanta and Innovation Crescent regions, and Gwinnett. The Chamber has recently launched the [Gwinnett Chamber Job Board](http://GwinnettChamberJobBoard) to connect employers needing talent with employees in need of work. [Click here](#) to access.

• **LinkedIn** is routinely updating its list of companies hiring across the nation. The list includes companies with a presence in the Atlanta region. [Click here](#) for more information.
• **Opportunity ATL** is featuring **Major Hiring Opportunities** on its website by dozens of metro Atlanta employers that are hiring now. [Click here](#) to access.

**Paid Training Opportunities**

• **Goodwill of North Georgia** offers paid training opportunities in the following skills programs: Construction, Floor Tech/Custodial, Healthcare Environmental Services (EVS), Logistics, Maintenance, Retail – Customer Service, and Welding. Jobseekers are encouraged to visit Goodwill's virtual career center at [www.careerconnector.org](http://www.careerconnector.org) or call 844-344-WORK (9675) for one-on-one job search support from a Goodwill career coach to learn more.

• **PruittHealth** is recruiting for its Rapid Hire Training Program for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA). Through this program, Pruitt Health provides paid-CNA training and certification testing and guarantees a job with the organization once training is completed. Individuals are paid part-time, 10 to 20 hours while in training. PruittHealth offers a $1,500 sign-on bonus for successful completion of training and certification program. [Click here](#) to learn more and to apply for the program.

• **Tommy Nobis Center** is hiring for more than 50 Contact Agent Trainees. Candidates must be able to professionally handle a high volume of outbound calls in a timely manner, follow communication “scripts,” and meet targets. Must have high speed Internet and a computer. Immediate employment is available. [Click here](#) for more information. Contact Pamela Silva at 770-427-9000 or [Pamela.Silva@TommyNobisCenter.org](mailto:Pamela.Silva@TommyNobisCenter.org). Or apply at [https://nobisworks.atsodemand.com](https://nobisworks.atsodemand.com).

• **WorkSource Atlanta** is interviewing youth, ages 16 to 24, for its **STEP Forward Out-of-School Youth Program**, a program that provides youth with work experience opportunities. Youth will have the opportunity to work for up to 40 hours a week for up to 8 weeks and earn $12.00 an hour. Interested youth should have a photo ID, social security card, and complete an interview and assessment. [Click here](#) for a flyer. [Click here](#) to submit interest in the program.

• **WorkSource Cobb** is recruiting Cobb County residents, between the ages of 16 to 24, to join the **BOSS program**. The BOSS program prepares individuals to be bold, open, skilled, and successful by providing paid work experience, professional development workshops, college and career tours, and more. Participants can earn up to $8,500 while they learn. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

**Service for Employers**

• **Accenture** has launched **People + Work Connect**, a free online employer-to-employer platform that enables companies to quickly identify and fill jobs in locations where there is need. People + Work Connect is powered by an analytics-driven platform developed by Accenture, which pools non-confidential and aggregated workforce information by categories such as location and experience. It gives organizations that have open positions a view into the workforce available to fill those jobs, enabling companies that have available employees to help their
people find new roles. People + Work Connect is available exclusively to companies with approximately 100 jobs to fill or 100 available workers to place. It is global and open to all industries. It is not available to individuals or staffing agencies. It is designed to move large pools of people from one employer to another. Companies with roles to fill or people to place are welcome to join the platform. Click here to register.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR JOB SEEKERS

In-Person Events

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- Goodwill of North Georgia has reopened all of its Career Centers. Career Centers are open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, on days other than a federal or state holiday. Click here for a video regarding what to expect when visiting a Career Center. Click here for more information on Goodwill’s coronavirus response. Weekly Job Training Information Sessions will be held as follows:
  - Cartersville – Skills Training Information Sessions – Tuesdays, 10:00 AM, Cartersville Career Center (929 Joe Frank Harris Parkway SE, Cartersville, GA). Information will be provided on the Logistics, Hospitality, Welding, and Forklift training programs. Contact Ashia Walker at awalker@ging.org or 770-276-7036 for more information.
  - South DeKalb – Skills Training Information Sessions – Wednesdays, 2:00 PM, South Dekalb Career Center (1295 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA). Information will be provided on the Highway Construction, Forklift, Floor Technician/Custodial, Maintenance, and Environmental Services (HES) Technician training programs. Contact Ruquais Wiley (for Skills Training Information Sessions and Individual Assessments) at rwiley@ging.org or Rose Perry (for GoodBiz) at rperry@ging.org or 404-728-8644 for more information.
  - South Fulton – Skills Training Information Sessions – Tuesdays, 2:00 PM, Old National Career Center (6175 Old National Highway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA). Information will be provided on the Forklift and OSHA 10 training programs. Contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941 for more information.
  - Stockbridge – Skills Training Information Sessions – Wednesdays, 2:00 PM, Stockbridge Career Center (7291 Davidson Parkway North, Stockbridge, GA). Information will be provided on the Forklift and OSHA 10 training programs. Contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941 for more information.
  - Woodstock – Skills Training Information Sessions – Thursdays, 10:00 AM, Woodstock Career Center (9425 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA). Information will be provided on the Logistics, Hospitality, Welding, and Forklift training programs. Contact Ashia Walker at awalker@ging.org or 770-874-0901 for more information.
Virtual Events

- **Goodwill of North Georgia** is holding one-hour **Virtual Information Sessions** on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with the exception of state or federal holidays. These sessions provide information on the many skills training programs available through Goodwill.  Click here to sign up for a session.

- **Goodwill of North Georgia** is holding one-hour **Virtual Career Drop-in Sessions** every weekday at 11:00 AM and again at 2:00 PM, with the exception of state or federal holidays. Goodwill’s Virtual Career Services Staff will be present to answer questions on topics ranging from resume development and interviewing to navigating the changing job market. Job seekers can also schedule a 1-on-1 appointment.  Click here to join the 11:00 AM session.  Click here to join the 2:00 PM session.

- The **Urban League of Greater Atlanta’s Youth and Young Adult Services @Promise Team** is continuing to provide education and career services via virtual platforms. Those interested in learning more about the many educational and occupational opportunities and programs for individuals, between the ages of 16-24, can sign into the League’s weekly information sessions. The **Virtual Information Sessions** will be held every Tuesday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The sessions are hosted by Ebony White, Program Manager, who can be contacted at 404-449-6286 or ewhite@ulgatl.org.  Click here for the Zoom link to join.

- **Atlanta Public Schools – Adult Education** is hosting a virtual event on **Let’s Talk Health: Mental, Emotional & Work/Life Balance** on Wednesday, September 2nd, 10:30 AM. Caring for your mental health is imperative to being happy and healthy. Being able to process trauma, worries, fears and emotions has the power to heal and transform lives. Join this event to discuss coping skills to help relieve stress and anxiety in our everyday lives.  Click here for a flyer.  Click here to register.

- The **Urban League of Greater Atlanta’s Youth and Young Adult Services Program** is hosting weekly **Virtual Career Readiness Training Sessions** via Zoom each Wednesday and Thursday, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. This career training will equip participants with tangible skills that will enable them to secure jobs, identify career pathways, maintain employment, problem-solve, work toward financial goals, and move into higher-skilled and better paying positions over time. For more information, contact Ebony White at 404-449-6286 or ewhite@ulgatl.org or Aaron Johnson at 404-931-6937 or ajohnson@ulgatl.org. Session participants can access the session via a smartphone or computer using the following Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/5158655993.

- The **Business Executives Networking Group (BENG)** is hosting a virtual Zoom meeting on **COVID-19 Unemployed – BENG to the Rescue** on Tuesday, September 8th, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. BENG network meetings are hosted on the second Tuesdays of each month, except for state or federal holidays. This group is a premier career advancement organization for mid-to-senior leaders in transition.  Click here to register.
• **WorkSource Cobb** is hosting a webinar on **Resume Tips in the COVID-19 Era** on Monday, September 14th, at 11:00 AM. Hiring managers need to know that you can adapt to these changing times. Participants will learn how to update resumes to reflect the new digital workspace and more. [Click here](#) for a flyer. [Click here](#) to register.

• The **Global Leadership Christian Center (GLCC)** will hold its **GLCC Virtual Job Network** on Tuesday, September 14th, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. GLCC Job Networking Ministry is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, with the exception of federal and state holidays, and provides free employment workshops, ‘mini’ job fairs, and evening dinners with keynote speakers to those in need of employment or job readiness. GLCC Job Network is excited to coach job seekers on how to begin and manage their job search while providing a positive environment, emotional support, and encouragement. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register. Participants will receive further information on how to join the virtual meeting following registration.

• **Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS)** will host its next **Virtual Job Search Workshop** on Tuesday, September 15th, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Join JF&CS for a 1-hour workshop where we will explore strategies to conduct a successful job search that will help you secure employment more effectively. This workshop will cover key information regarding organizing an action plan to move your job search forward. Topics will include how to handle the emotional roller coaster, job choice and self-assessments, identifying potential employers, creating a personal branding statement, networking strategies and more. [Click here](#) to register.

• **WorkSource Cobb** is hosting a webinar on **More Effective Interviewing During COVID-19** on Monday, September 21st, at 11:00 AM. Interviewing practices have changed with the new world of social distancing. Participants will learn what it takes to be successful and land the job. [Click here](#) for a flyer. [Click here](#) to register.

• **Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS)** will host its next **Virtual Resume Workshop** on Tuesday, September 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Learn how to create an effective resume, or improve the one you already have. Transform your resume into a powerful tool. This workshop will identify the different parts of a resume and their purpose, create a master profile of core competences and accomplishments and provide a checklist of resume does and don’ts. It will also help you develop a cover letter to accompany your resume. [Click here](#) to register.

• **Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS)** will host its next **Virtual LinkedIn Workshop** on Tuesday, September 29th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Join JF&CS for a 2-hour virtual LinkedIn Workshop designed to give job seekers and those in career transition a solid base of information to strengthen their brand on LinkedIn. [Click here](#) to register.

[Click here](#) to see the MAX Calendar of Events.
Virtual Services

• The **Georgia Department of Labor** provides **Online Services** through its website. **Employ Georgia** provides job seekers with the ability to view job postings and apply for jobs. Individuals can apply for **Unemployment Insurance Benefits** through GDOL’s website. Click here for COVID-19 Individual FAQs relating to unemployment benefits. Click here to learn what to do have an unemployment claim is filed. Click here for information for those with jobs impacted by COVID-19. Click here to access GDOL services.

• **Goodwill of North Georgia** offers **Virtual Career Services** through CareerConnector.org 24 hours a day. Job seekers can log on to CareerConnector.org and click to have a live chat with a virtual career coach. When job seekers first register online, they will be asked if they would like to schedule a 1:1 appointment with a career coach. Appointments are available by phone or virtually. Career Services staff will contact the job seeker to set up the appointment time through their preferred method of communication. Job seekers can also sign up for 1:1 appointments after they first register by accessing each career center’s online calendar. Job seekers can access virtual career services at CareerConnector.org and by phone at 844-344-WORK. Click here for a flyer.

• The **Urban League of Greater Atlanta** has remained open for business in providing all programs and services in an uninterrupted fashion while responding to the coronavirus. League staff continue to connect with job seekers and students remotely through a variety of workforce, education, and training programs. Click here to learn more about how best to access these programs.

• The **Urban League of Greater Atlanta** is currently accepting referrals for our **Urban Youth Empowerment Program** (UYEP) **Young Fathers Program**, focused on young adult fathers, ages 18 to 24, with current or prior involvement with the criminal justice system. The program will provide the program participants with access to individualized case management, career advisement in high demand industry sectors, educational enhancement opportunities, credential attainment, mentoring, career readiness training and employment opportunities. The “young father” is required to have charges adjudicated. The goals of UYEP Young Fathers is to promote responsible parenting and successful reintegration into the community utilizing evidence-based practices that lead to healthy child development, positive relationships with young fathers and their children. In addition, improved interactions amongst young fathers and their family, community members and reduce recidivism. Supportive Services assistance may include MARTA Cards and stipends may be available at certain intervals during the program based upon eligibility and successful participation. For more information, contact Ebony White at ewhite@ulgatl.org or 404-449-6286.

• **WorkSource Cobb** seeks to support job seekers in their job search with virtual assistance while their center is closed for in-person visits. Job seekers can click here for a flyer on contacting
WorkSource Cobb to access their support. Click here for a flyer on how WorkSource Cobb can help individuals whose jobs have been affected by COVID-19 get back to work. Click here for tips on identifying scams regarding work-from-home positions.

- **WorkSource Georgia** provides a number of online career services tools through the WorkSource Georgia Portal. Career Explorer helps job seekers learn about their job and personal skills they have and how those skills relate to specific occupations or careers. The tool also allows job seekers to find occupations that are similar to their current or previous jobs based on factors such as required knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform successfully. Job seekers can use the Job Market Explorer to find occupations that match their education, experience, and desired income level. Career Informer provides specific information on occupations such as wages, employers, future employment outlook, work activities and conditions, required skills and abilities, and job listings. Click here to access the portal.

**Online Workshops**

- **Career Spa** offers a Virtual Career Transition Workshop/Video Series. The 10-hour workshop series is available on video and can be viewed 24/7 from anywhere. The series covers how to find your sweet spot, perfect your elevator pitch, optimize your resume, effectively network, successfully interview, leverage LinkedIn/social media, and more. The series is being offered complimentary in response to COVID-19. Click here for details. For more information, contact Vernesha Smith at VerneshaSmith@careerspa.net.

- **e-work.com** offers a Remote Work/Telework Course Series to help individuals and managers improve their skills, communicate and collaborate better, improve accountability, and remain productive and effective while working remotely. The latest workshops in the series include: managing a distributed team, working in a distributed team, mobility best practices, working in a home office, and negotiation at a distance. In response to COVID-19, the registration fees for the workforces have been significantly reduced. Click here for more information.

**TRAINING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**In-Person Programs**

[NOTE: Given the ever-evolving situation with COVID-19, job seekers are advised to contact the host prior to the event to confirm event plans.]

- **Altierus Career College** is now enrolling students for its programs Tuesday, September 1st in allied health (including Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician programs), as well as the skilled trades (including HVAC & Refrigeration programs). Altierus is a nonprofit, post-secondary career and technical school system with a campus in the Norcross area. At Altierus, students prepare for a career in an in-demand field in as few as 8 months. Most programs begin every four to five weeks. As soon as students enroll,
Altierus is there to surround them with the support they need to thrive. The college’s all-inclusive training provides students with the tools and equipment to learn their profession, at no extra cost. Blended learning gives them online flexibility to balance school and life while still receiving valuable hands-on training. And the college’s focus on professional skills mean students graduate ready for their new career. Classes are now being held on-campus, conforming to CDC guidelines. Take a virtual tour of the campus and get a look inside Altierus’ industry-equipped labs by watching the 360° video accessed through the “Programs” tab on the Altierus home page and watch a short video describing some of the learning tools each student is provided. Altierus looks forward to providing you with more information and helping you jump-start your career. Click here for more information on the programs available at the Norcross Campus. The American Dream Scholarship of up to $2,000 is available for students that are referred to Altierus by other organizations. Check out Altierus’ Blog and News for Tips for Career Searching During an Economic Downturn.

- CEFGA’s nationally recognized Construction Ready Program is an NCCER accredited four-week boot camp construction training program, FREE to eligible applicants who reside in metropolitan Atlanta. Construction Ready screens and trains students for entry-level positions. If you are looking for a head-start in construction, these are the eight industry-recognized credentials that you will earn in Construction Ready to kickstart your CAREER in construction. Graduates of Construction Ready are connected to Atlanta-area construction companies who participate in the Construction Ready Program, which often leads to employment. Employment is not guaranteed; however, Construction Ready has placed 97% of its graduates into full-time employment with employers. Interested candidates MUST first attend a Construction Ready Information Session to begin the process for enrollment. To learn more and to sign-up for a Construction Ready Information Session, click here. If you have any questions about the Information Session, contact Veda White, Student Success Manager, at 678-832-6570 or email veda.white@cefga.org. Construction Ready offers Information Sessions and training both in-person and virtually. To learn more and sign-up for the next Construction Ready Information Session to attend class at one of these training locations, click here to begin your next step. Click here to see when the next Construction Ready class is scheduled to begin training. Click here for a one-pager.
  - Construction Ready at Westside Works (261 Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard, NW, Atlanta, GA): Open to all Metro Atlanta residents with priority enrollment for residents in 30314 and 30318 (English Avenue, Vine City, Castleberry Hill and surrounding neighborhoods).
  - Construction Ready at Build Cobb Partnership (1940 Exchange, SE, Atlanta, GA): Open to residents of Cobb County.
  - Construction Ready at Georgia Hill (250 Georgia Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA): Open to all Metro Atlanta residents with priority enrollment for residents in and around NPU-V, 30310, 30312 and 30315 (Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, Peoplestown, Adair Park and Summerhill).
  - Construction Ready at Aerotropolis Atlanta (3121 Norman Berry Drive, East Point, GA) or Impact Church (2323 Sylvan Road, East Point, GA): Open to all Metro Atlanta residents with priority enrollment for residents in 30213, 30236, 30238, 30260, 30273, 30274, 30288, 30291, 30294, 30296, 30297, 30310, 30311, 30315, 30331, 30337, 30344,
• **Fulton County**, in partnership with **Goodwill of North Georgia** and the **Metro Atlanta Chamber**, has launched **Career ReBoot Fulton**, a new free digital literacy program for Fulton County residents who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 public health crisis. This new program will provide residents with (1) digital literacy training (2) career counseling and (3) employment assistance. Career ReBoot Fulton will enable recently laid-off or unemployed Fulton residents to earn industry-recognized certifications online or in-person via Goodwill of North Georgia’s career training centers. In addition, Opportunity ATL, the Metro Atlanta Chamber’s job resource initiative, will provide employment connections to program participants, leveraging an existing network of employers in the region. [Click here](#) for a flyer. [Click here](#) for a one-pager with further details.

• **Goodwill of North Georgia** offers several **Job Training Programs** through its metro Atlanta Career Centers that provide many opportunities for individuals to increase their marketability with industry-recognized credentials for today’s workforce. [Click here](#) to see a catalog of high-demand, short-term trainings or call 1-844-344-9675 for more information. All programs require candidates attend eligibility screenings prior to enrollment, site and program contacts are outlined below.
  
  o **Cartersville Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Forklift Training Program** and **Welding Training Program**. Next class begins on **Monday, September 10th**. For more information, contact Nicole Hodges at [nhodges@ging.org](mailto:nhodges@ging.org).
  
  o **Decatur Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Contact Center Specialist Training Program**. Program prepares participants for careers as customer service representatives and telephone call center agents. Participants will receive assessments and training in typing, computer navigation, phone etiquette, Google suites/MS suite, and customer service skills. For more information, contact Jacqueline Dottin-Dodd [jddodd@ging.org](mailto:jddodd@ging.org) or 404-554-9582 or Quasandria Turner [qturner@ging.org](mailto:qturner@ging.org) or 678-766-8163.
  
  o **Decatur Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Supply Chain Logistics Training Program**. Participants have the ability to acquire a CDL, forklift certification, earn a Supply Chain Certificate from **Georgia Institute of Technology**, and receive paid internships. For more information, contact Jacqueline Dottin-Dodd [jddodd@ging.org](mailto:jddodd@ging.org) or 404-554-9582 or Quasandria Turner [qturner@ging.org](mailto:qturner@ging.org) or 678-766-8163.
  
  o **Decatur Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Welding Training Program**. Program prepares participants for entry-level positions in welding, the average wage for graduates is $15/hour. Participants will be certified by the American Welder’s Association, receive OSHA 30, and adult CPR/first aid AED certifications. Eligibility screening will take place on **Tuesday, September 1st** for the next program which will run from October 5th through November 25th. For more information, contact Jacqueline Dottin-Dodd [jddodd@ging.org](mailto:jddodd@ging.org) or 404-554-9582 or Quasandria Turner [qturner@ging.org](mailto:qturner@ging.org) or 678-766-8163.
Oakwood Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Welding Training Program. The class includes two weeks of JRT, two weeks of welding class time, and 2 weeks of internship. For more information, contact Valerie Johnson at vjohnson@ging.org.

Old National Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Forklift Training Program. Students will be engaged in a 4-week training program where they will receive job readiness training, training on five different forklift machines, and OSHA 10 certification. For more information, contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941 or Capri Taylor at ctaylor2@ging.org or 678-744-3114.

Old National Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Supply Chain Logistics Training Program. Participants have the ability to acquire a forklift certification and a Supply Chain Certificate from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Eligibility screening will take place on Thursday, September 3rd. For more information, contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941 or Capri Taylor at ctaylor2@ging.org or 678-744-3114.

South DeKalb Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Building Maintenance Training Program. The next class begins on Monday, September 7th. Students will be engaged in a 7-week training program that provides hands-on skills training in partnership with Atlanta Apartment Association and employers in the residential housing industry. Provides credentialing opportunities for trainees that enjoy working with their hands in construction and building trades. Credentialing opportunities include basic construction, punch-out skills, EPA/HVAC & R410 national testing & certification, heating & heat pump maintenance, Certified Pool Operator Industry Certification and appliance repair exposure. For more information, contact Ruquais Wiley at rwiley@ging.org or Sheretta Sanders at ssanders@ging.org or 770-713-0933.

South DeKalb Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Floor Tech/EVS Training Program. The next class starts on Monday, October 12th. The program is designed to prepare students for careers in the Environmental Service Industry (EVS) in healthcare and in the commercial cleaning industries. It is an 8-week training program that includes techniques used by EVS technicians and high-demand training in floor care. Participants who complete the course will receive internationally recognized EVS certifications and employment assistance. For more information, contact Ruquais Wiley at rwiley@ging.org or Sheretta Sanders at ssanders@ging.org or 770-713-0933.

South DeKalb Career Center is recruiting candidates for its Forklift Training Program. Classes start on Monday, September 21st and Monday, October 26th. Students will be engaged in a 4-week training program where they will receive job readiness training, training on five forklift machines and OSHA 10 certification. For more information, contact Ruquais Wiley at rwiley@ging.org or Sheretta Sanders at ssanders@ging.org or 770-713-0933.

South DeKalb Career Center is recruiting candidates for its GoodBIZ Entrepreneurship Program, a training program for aspiring entrepreneurs and micro-business owners. Next class starts Tuesday, December 8th. In this 12-week program students receive instruction to help them establish and prospect business ownership while implementing and refining their business plan. The GoodBIZ program offers a robust curriculum that integrates business development planning, one-on-one business
coaching and technical assistance opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs and existing micro-business owners. For more information and to schedule an individualized assessment, contact Ruquais Wiley at rwiley@ging.org or 770-713-0933. (Interested individuals should text their name.)

- **South DeKalb Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Highway Construction Training Program**. Next class starts **Monday, October 5th**. This 8-week program is designed to prepare students for high demand careers in the construction industry. Training includes exposure to basic carpentry, electrical and plumbing industries with opportunities to receive CDL licensure, flagging, OSHA 30 and first aid/CPR certifications. For more information, contact Ruquais Wiley at rwiley@ging.org or Sheretta Sanders at ssanders@ging.org or 770-713-0933.

- **Stockbridge Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Forklift Training Program**. Students will be engaged in a 2-week training program where they will receive job readiness training, training on two different forklift machines and OSHA 10 certification. Residents of Clayton County are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941 or Capri Taylor at ctaylor2@ging.org or 678-744-3114.

- **Stockbridge Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **GoodBIZ Entrepreneurship Program**, a training program for aspiring entrepreneurs and micro-business owners. In this 12-week program Students receive instruction to help established and prospective business owners develop, implement and refine their business plan. The GoodBIZ program offers a robust curriculum that integrates business development planning, one-on-one business coaching and technical assistance opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs and existing micro-business owners. Residents of Clayton County are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Verna Barksdale at vbarksdale@ging.org or 770-873-6941, Melissa Stockard at mstockard@ging.org or 770-564-1182, or Capri Taylor at ctaylor2@ging.org or 678-744-3114.

- **Woodstock Career Center** is recruiting candidates for its **Forklift Training Program** and **Welding Training Program**. The next Welding class begins on **Monday, September 10th**. For more information, contact Nicole Hodges at nhodges@ging.org.

- **Per Scholas Atlanta**, in partnership with **WorkSource Cobb** and **CobbWorks**, is offering no-cost **Computer Training and Certification** for Cobb County residents, ages 18 and up, in a fully remote format. Network Support, a 15-week course to earn a CompTIA A+ Certification and Network+ Certification, will begin on **Wednesday, October 21st**. Network Support is a full-time course that teaches students the skills needed to pass the CompTIA A+ and Net+ exams including computer maintenance, computer installation and troubleshooting, networking and security concepts and mobile technology. For more information, contact Per Scholas at atlanta@perscholas.org.

- **Southern Crescent Technical College** will hold its next **Six Sigma Green Belt Training Class** from **Monday, October 19th** through **Friday, October 23rd**, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day, at the Economic Development Center at Ellis Crossing. The Green Belt Program provides participants with an overview of Six Sigma as well as key concepts associated with effective project teams.
Green Belts receive a subset of the more comprehensive Black Belt curriculum. Click here for a flyer.

- **Tommy Nobis Center** is recruiting for its **Call Center Training Program**. The next training class will start **Monday, September 14th**. This is PAID training at $12.00 per hour for English speakers and $13.50 per hour for bilingual Spanish/English speakers. Certificate of Completion is provided after 500 successful training hours. Certificate can be added to resumes to enhance marketable skills! Training participants will develop customer service skills processing in-bound calls; not sales. The goal is for successful trainees to be hired by the host employer once training is complete. Training site is located in Alpharetta. Reliability and excellent attendance is most important. Training participants must be at least 18 years old. Contact Denitra Parker at Tommy Nobis Center at 770-427-9000 ext. 5153 or Denitra.Parker@TommyNobisCenter.org to learn more.

- **WorkSource Cobb** is hosting the **EPSS Technician Apprenticeship program** by Prime Power. The specialized training project is made possible through a grant awarded by **Atlanta CareerRise**. The Emergency Power Supply Systems (EPSS) Tech Apprenticeship program provides the opportunity to jump-start a career while receiving top-notch, industry recognized training. Participants must register by Tuesday, September 1st. Click here for a flyer.

- **WorkSource Cobb** provides **No Cost Job Training for Cobb Residents** to prepare for several high demand jobs, such as Insurance Management, CDL Basic Tractor Trailer Training, A+, Net+/PC Technician, General Construction, Certified Logistics Training, Project Management Professional, Certified Nursing Assistant/Patient Care Technician, and Medical Assistant. Click here for a flyer.

- **WorkSource Cobb** has partnered with **Chattahoochee Technical College, Construction Ready, Goodwill of North Georgia, Per Scholas**, and **TechBridge** to provide **Industry Specialized Trainings** in high-demand fields. Click here for a flyer.

- **WorkSource Cobb** provides ESL, citizenship, and GED classes through its **English Language Learners Initiative (ELLI)**. Through ELLI, WorkSource Cobb also provides assistance with job search and new career development. Click here for a flyer.

### Virtual Programs

- **A Child’s Gift** is providing online training classes and internships for individuals interested in working with young children as a **Child Development Associate**. There is no registration fee. Individuals can exchange volunteer service to participate in the program. Click here for a flyer. For more information, contact achildsgift@gmail.com.

- **Atlanta Public Schools Adult Education Center** is now enrolling for its **GED Prep** and **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)** virtual classes. The program helps adult learners gain the college and career readiness skills needed to enter and succeed in the workforce and/or
postsecondary education, and serves residents of all counties. Click here for a flyer in English. Click here for a flyer in Spanish.

- **Atlanta Technical College** is offering the following virtual programs:
  - Atlanta Technical College’s Office of Adult Education offers **High School Equivalency/GED® Test Prep Courses** to help individuals complete the high school equivalency credential and pass the GED® exam. The Office of Adult Education is currently conducting virtual enrollment. Click here to complete the online pre-registration form. A member of our team will reach out to those who pre-register shortly thereafter. Virtual, online classes will begin on August 10th, with limited access to on-site classrooms. For more information, contact adulted@atlantatech.edu or call 404-225-4433.
  - Atlanta Technical College’s Economic Development Division is providing access to free online, self-paced tutorial courses that highlight a mix of hard and soft skills essential to success in today’s rapidly changing job market. Atlanta Technical College is providing these courses at no cost in an effort to support our communities, business and industry, and individuals in this time of need. These online courses can be useful both professionally and personally. The 10 free courses are offered in partnership with the [Technical College System of Georgia](https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/econdev). These courses encompass a variety of topics useful in any work environment. For course and registration information visit: [https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/econdev](https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/econdev). The courses are: (1) Ten Soft Skills You Need, (2) Attention Management, (3) Business Etiquette, (4) Customer Service, (5) Emotional Intelligence, (6) Goal Setting and Getting Things Done, (7) Job Search Skills, (8) Telework and Telecommuting, (9) Time Management, and (10) Workplace Diversity.

- **Chattahoochee Technical College** is offering the following virtual programs:
  - Chattahoochee Technical College is offering **Online & WebEx Training Courses**, our [Online Skills Training](https://www.ed2go.com/chattced/) includes Industrial Maintenance/Electrical & Mechanical CNC with costs as low as $50 per module. Our [Virtual Business Trainings](https://www.ed2go.com/chattced/) can be completed in 3 to 18 months with recognized certifications. Certificates are available in Leadership Training, Supervisory Development, Lean Six Sigma GB & BB (Project & Test), Project Management Professional (PMP), & Computer Skills for the Workplace. For our complete Catalog for Short-term Training visit [https://www.ed2go.com/chattced/](https://www.ed2go.com/chattced/)
  - Prepare for employment in some of today’s hottest careers at **Chattahoochee Technical College**, with a comprehensive, affordable, and self-paced [Online Career Training Program](https://careertraining.ed2go.com/chattced/). You can begin these Programs at any time and learn at your own pace. Upon successful completion of all required coursework, you will receive a Certificate of Completion in your subject area. Careers available in our 6 to 18-month offerings include Arts and Design, Business, Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Construction and Trades, Health and Fitness, Hospitality, and Information Technology. For more information and program details visit [careertraining.ed2go.com/chattced/](https://careertraining.ed2go.com/chattced/)
  - Join **Chattahoochee Technical College** for our [Instructor Lead On-Line Short Courses](https://www.ed2go.com/chattced/). These online 6-week courses are informative, fun, convenient, and highly interactive.
We focus on creating warm, supportive communities for our learners. New course sessions begin monthly, are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links, and more. Subject areas include Accounting and Finance, Business, College Readiness, Computer Applications, Design and Composition, Healthcare and Medical, Language and Arts, Personal Development, Teaching and Education, and Technology. For details visit our website at ed2go.com/chattced/.

o In an effort to support our communities, business and industry, and individuals in this time of need, Chattahoochee Technical College through TSCG is offering FREE access to several self-paced online, basic soft-skills courses that encompass a variety of topics useful in any work environment. Available courses are: The Soft Skills You Need, Attention Management, Business Etiquette, Customer Service, Emotional Intelligence, Goal Setting and Getting Things Done, Job Search Skills, Telework and Telecommuting, Time Management, & Workplace Diversity. Please click the this link https://www.chattahoochee.edu/free-professional-development-courses/ to explore these opportunities.

o Chattahoochee Technical College is offering affordable classes in Microsoft Office, Forklift trainings, and Industrial Maintenance. For more information on these classes and others click this link https://www.chattahoochee.edu/economic-development-training-and-continuing-education-courses/ or call April Cowan at (770) 529-2373

• Literacy Action is committed to helping adult learners overcome barriers to achieving academic and career success in these critical times by offering a broad range of Virtual Classes in adult basic education, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, digital literacy, and workforce literacy. Supplemental services such as individual career and academic counseling, work-readiness workshops, and financial literacy enrichment courses are also offered on an ongoing basis. Click here to join Literacy Action’s next virtual orientation and learn more.

• Morehouse College and Opportunity HUB (OHUB) announce a new virtual coding school, Momentum@Morehouse, for career starters and career changers who want to thrive as software developers. The 12-week coding bootcamp, one of a few such programs at a historically black college or university (HBCU), supports Morehouse’s focus on creating pathways to lucrative careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for under-represented minority groups. Momentum@Morehouse students will receive hands-on programming instruction from tech experts using a curriculum based in proven methodology that provides the technical knowledge and soft skills necessary for success in the workplace. Graduates will also receive access to career coaching and networking opportunities, as well as classes in the culture of work in tech and startup skills for entrepreneurs. Click here to read the news release. Click here to learn more.

• Project Re-Start is now accepting applications for Project Re-Start Atlanta 2020. Through Project Re-Start, individuals with criminal convictions receive cost-free 10-week virtual training. Individuals will focus on personal development, financial education, entrepreneurship, exploring employment and education options and the ability to secure micro-grants to be used
for their goals. Click here for a flyer. For more information, contact projectrestartatl@gmail.com.

- **Southern Crescent Technical College** is offering the following virtual programs:
  - Southern Crescent Technical College is offering its **Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training**, an 8-hour class in two half-day sessions, from **Wednesday, September 9th** through **Thursday, September 10th**, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Yellow Belt Program is an introduction to Six Sigma plus Lean. It includes the fundamentals of Six Sigma and is a foundation for advancing to the Green Belt Level of this quality management system. Click here for a flyer.

- The **University System of Georgia** offers **100% online post-secondary eMajor degrees and credentials** that address the **high-demand workplace needs** of Georgia and beyond. Programs range from Business Administration, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Organizational Leadership, and other highly sought-after degrees – all through public University System of Georgia institutions you know and trust. eMajor degrees are ideal for both traditional and non-traditional students who wish to take advantage of online course delivery in a flexible, accessible, and affordable manner. Tuition for all eMajor programs is just $199/credit hour. Eligible students with previous work experience, military training, or other relevant training can click here to learn how to shorten their time to degree completion by earning college credit for prior learning. Click here to visit the eMajor website to learn more about 100 percent online eMajor degrees offered through the University System of Georgia.

- The **University System of Georgia** presents **USG Learning Everywhere**, an online platform to access a diverse set of educational resources to anyone, anywhere, who wants to learn and experience new things online. From lifelong learners to those just starting out, these free materials help meet the needs of a rapidly changing, increasingly digital world. In addition to providing materials for adult learners, the platform provides access to resources such as Georgia’s Public Libraries, open textbooks, and Georgia’s virtual library GALILEO to assist K-12 students as they are home-schooling. Click here to learn more.

- The **University System of Georgia’s Georgia ONmyLINE** is a database of online programs and courses offered through the accredited institutions within the University System of Georgia. The Georgia ONmyLINE resource is designed for professionals, adult learners, military service members, teachers, traditional students, or those looking to continue their education to have a central place to search for Georgia public online learning. Click here to explore courses and degrees.

- **TechBridge Technology Career Program**, in partnership with **Goodwill of North Georgia, WorkSource Cobb** and **CobbWorks**, is offering no-cost **Microsoft Azure Training and Certification** for Cobb County residents, ages 18 and up, in a fully remote format. Microsoft Azure Developer Certification Pathway, a 16-week course to earn Front End Web Developer Certification and Microsoft Azure Fundamentals Certification, will begin on **Monday, September 21st**. Microsoft Azure Pathway is a part-time course that teaches students the skills...
needed to pass the CSS, Bootstrap, jQuery and Javascript and Microsoft Azure Fundamental exams including how to design, build, test, maintain and implement application and services. Click here for flyer. For more information, click here to register for an informational workshop.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- The Atlanta Community Food Bank connects public benefits to families and individuals who qualify through its Benefits Outreach Program, helping them secure assistance with food, healthcare, childcare and more. The Benefits Outreach team can assist individuals with navigating the new rules regarding SNAP in order to access SNAP benefits. Click here for some important updates about benefit programs from the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Click here for more information on the Benefits Outreach Program.

- The Atlanta Regional Commission has allocated $1.9 million in Families First Coronavirus Response Act funds to provide meals to older Atlantans at risk for food insecurity. Older adults across metro Atlanta can receive meal deliveries from ARC partner providers. Click here to learn more and to see a list of the partner providers.

- Aunt Bertha is a Social Care Network that connects people seeking help with verified social care providers that serve them. Thousands of nonprofits and social care providers serve their communities. But for most people, navigating the system to get help has been difficult, time consuming, and frustrating. Too many Americans are suffering, and they don’t need to. The online service makes it easy for people to find social services in their communities, for nonprofits to coordinate their efforts, and for customers to integrate social care into the work they already do. The nationwide service provides the opportunity to find social care providers by zip codes including those serving in the Atlanta region. Click here to learn more.

- The Center for Black Women’s Wellness provides Screening Mammograms for uninsured women 40 years or older. Transportation is available through Rideshare or MARTA. Appointment is required. Click here for a flyer. Call 404-688-9202, extension 13, for more information.

- Empowerline provides a front desk for people who need help navigating life changes and surprise obstacles in their homes, with their health, and in their communities. The service, powered by the Aging and Independent Services Group of the Atlanta Regional Commission, helps connect people with private and publicly funded resources from more than 26,000 community based providers. Empowerline is part of Georgia’s Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) network, a No Wrong Door access point for information requests and assistance. Together, we work to simplify complex program offerings, identify long-term services and support solutions, and reduce caregiver burden. Click here for a flyer. Click here for more information.
• The **Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning** is maintaining an updated listing of child care centers that are still open during the COVID-19 outbreak. This information is especially helpful to support essential workers who need child care support. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• The **Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services** has created **Georgia Gateway** to make it easier to access social services benefits online. Individuals can apply for benefits and learn the latest on SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids and other benefits. [Click here](#) to access.

• The **Georgia Department of Public Health** is working to expedite and facilitate WIC services in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. **Georgia WIC** is open for women, infants, and children. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **Tommy Nobis Center** is an authorized **Medicaid Waiver** program provider. Medicaid Waiver is a federally funded program that helps provide services to people who would otherwise be in an institution, nursing home, or hospital to receive long-term care in the community. Tommy Nobis offers three types of Medicaid waiver programs: **Community Access, Pre-vocational and Supportive Employment**. Community Access Individual and Group Services are designed to help participants acquire, retain or improve self-help, socialization and adaptive skills required for active participation and independent functioning outside the home. Prevocational Services prepare participants for paid or unpaid employment and include teaching concepts such as task completion, problem solving, attendance and safety. Supported Employment Group/Individual Services enable participants, for whom competitive employment at or above the minimum wage is unlikely absent the provision of supports, to work in a regular work setting. Contact Denitra Parker at 770-427-9000 ext. 5153 or Denitra.Parker@TommyNobisCenter.org for additional information.

• **Tommy Nobis Center** is an authorized **Ticket to Work** provider and is accepting applications. Ticket to Work is a federally-funded employment program designed for people who want to improve their earning potential and are committed to preparing for long-term success in the workplace. The service is free for individuals age 18 through 64 who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). We are now serving Cobb, Fulton, Paulding, Cherokee, Douglas, and DeKalb county residents. Contact Denitra Parker, Program Manager, at 770-427-9000 ext. 5153, denitra.parker@tommynobiscenter.org or [click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

• **United Way of Greater Atlanta** continues to provide the Atlanta region’s most comprehensive resource for information and referral services through its online **2-1-1 Contact Center**. The digital platform connects families with community resources that enables them to thrive - resources like food pantries, job search and placement agencies, and financial emergency assistance agencies. This help is provided so that families can recover and become sustainable once again. There are more than 5,000 agencies listed in the 2-1-1 database. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in over 140 different languages. [Click here](#) to learn more.
EVENTS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPERS AND EMPLOYERS

Opportunities with Local Hosts

- **Literacy Action** is hosting a Virtual Conversation on The State of Literacy During the Pandemic: Retooling the Low Literate Workforce During COVID on Tuesday, September 1st, at 2:00 PM. In commemoration of National Literacy Month, Literacy Action is hosting a series of virtual conversations in September. Guest speakers for the September 1st conversation include Stuart Andreason and Sarah Miller with Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity. Click here for a flyer.

- The **Metro Atlanta eXchange for Workforce Solutions (MAX)** is hosting the next MAX Minutes with Tim Cairl and Hanah Goldberg on Friday, September 4th, 9:00 AM. With schools back in session, online or in-person, many working parents are dealing with unprecedented scheduling challenges. The demand for quality, affordable, and safe child care that clearly existed before the pandemic has only been exacerbated in these times. What were the economic impacts associated with this unmet demand pre-COVID? And as we move forward in these times: How are working parents adapting? How are employers adapting? Tim Cairl with the Metro Atlanta Chamber and Hanah Goldberg with GEERAS will join MAX to provide insights from their research into these pivotal questions. Click here to register.

- **Georgia Power** is hosting a webinar on Thursday, September 10th, 10:00 AM, on Equity in Workforce, Education & Economic Development. This webinar is third session of Georgia Power's four-part webinar series, Workforce Strategies: Managing the Now, Preparing the New. This webinar series will present resources on how to assess, prepare, and execute a plan for recovery. On September 10th, this session will bring together thought leaders to discuss equitable economic development. The way we work, train and educate is changing. To meet the increasing demands of industry, education and communities, public and private entities must collaborate to close the opportunity gap for Georgians. For more, visit: https://sites.selectgeorgia.com/workforce/. Click here to register.

- The **Georgia Center for Nonprofits (GCN)**, through its Nonprofit University, is holding an online class on Managing Pressure and Maintaining Balance on Thursday, September 17th, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Daily pressures, in and out of the office, can make it hard to find time to take care of ourselves. For a sense of balance, peace of mind, and growth, it is more essential than ever that we develop and draw upon intentional coping skills. This half-day course will help you understand the causes and costs of workplace pressure, the benefits of creating balance, and how to identify your pressure points. You will also learn how to apply emotional intelligence, increase optimism and resilience, and develop strategies for getting ahead. Click here for more information and to register.

- The **Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)** and the **Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)** is hosting their Virtual iWORC
Housing Workshop on Wednesday, October 7th, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Community based organizations, state agencies, community partners and other providers who provide direct services to Georgia’s most vulnerable individuals and families are invited to take part in the workshop. The goal of the workshop is to provide useful information on the various housing programs in the state. In addition, information on additional housing funding provided by our federal partners due to the pandemic will be shared. There is no charge for the workshop but registration is required to ensure an accurate headcount. The Microsoft Teams Meeting details and call-in number will be provided after registration has been closed. Click here for a flyer. For any additional information about this workshop, contact iWORC Chair, Santrissa Johnson at Santrissa.Johnson@dhs.ga.gov.

• The Georgia Chamber is hosting the Future of Talent – Virtual Event on Monday, October 19th, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Workforce and talent are key drivers to job growth for every community and in every business. In today’s COVID impacted economy, the disparity between available jobs and skilled workforce is vast. Future-facing technologies such as artificial intelligence and advanced robotics continue to shape the talent needs of our future. Preparing tomorrow’s talent has never been more challenging or more critical. Join educational experts who will share how they are retraining, upskilling and preparing today’s workforce for the jobs and skills required in the New Georgia Economy. Click here to learn more and register.

Opportunities with National Hosts

• Brookings is hosting a webcast on How the Fed Will Respond to the COVID-19 Recession in an Era of Low Rates and Inflation on Tuesday, September 1st, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Federal Reserve responded quickly and aggressively to the threat posed to the United States by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. It cut interest rates nearly to zero, bought hundreds of billions in Treasury Department debt and mortgage-backed securities, turned all the pages of the 2008 playbook and added more – including a series of lending facilities targeted at mid-sized and large businesses, non-profits, and state and local governments. Now the Fed must decide how to support an economy still suffering from COVID-19 as fiscal policymakers are paralyzed. At the same time, it is undertaking a review of its monetary policy framework in light of an economy marked by below-target inflation and persistently low interest rates. Click here to learn more and register.

• The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) is hosting an e-learning opportunity on From Case Management to Motivational Interviewing on Tuesday, September 1st, at 2:00 PM EST (1:00 PM CDT). Motivational interviewing (MI) is a counseling approach developed in part by clinical psychologists William R. Miller and Stephen Rollnick. It is a directive, client-centered counseling style for eliciting behavior change by helping clients to explore and resolve ambivalence. This training for Workforce Development Professionals will teach attendees the process of switching their client case management from case-centric to a motivational coaching and interviewing-centric model. Click here to learn more and register.
• **Emsi** is hosting a webinar on **The New Era of College Recruiting** on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 2:00 PM EST (11:00 PST). The webinar will feature a panel of employers, educators, and data experts having a conversation about inclusion, diversity, and the use of labor data in recruiting strategy. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• The **International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP)** is hosting the **IAWP Virtual Social Hour** on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM. The format is casual and the social hours are open to both members and non-members alike. The format is casual so grab your favorite beverage, pet or snack and join IAWP to discuss the joys of social distancing, remote work, workforce issues, health and safety, or whatever other topics you’d like to share with IAWP colleagues. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• **United Minds**, a Weber Shandwick consultancy, is hosting the **Forward to Work Webinar Series: Perspectives to Guide Re-entry** on Fridays at 12:00 PM. Examples of webinar topics include Preparing Leaders & Managers, Building Employee Resiliency, Fostering Workplace Inclusion, and Safe-Guarding Reputation. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

• **The Aspen Institute** is hosting a webinar on **How the Workforce System Can Advance Workplace Health and Safety During and After the Pandemic** on Tuesday, September 8th, at 3:30 PM. Across the nation, workforce development professionals are making efforts to help workers connect to jobs and provide for their families amidst concerns about workplace health and safety during the pandemic. And the risks to health and safety are not distributed equally. Due to occupational segregation and other factors rooted in structural racism, Black, Indigenous, and people of color are more likely to endure severe health consequences from the virus and to be concentrated in frontline jobs with high levels of exposure. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• The **Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)** is hosting a webcast on **Building a Best-Self Culture in Your Organization** on Wednesday, September 9th, at 1:00 PM ET (10:00 AM PT). According to a report from BlessingWhite, the average American worker agrees only 55 percent of the time when asked if their leaders have created an environment where they can thrive; however, this number jumps to 75 percent for employees in highly engaged organizations. Is your organization just a workplace? Or is it a place where employees can thrive? By building a holistic culture that focuses on helping people become their best selves, you can make sure your organization is the latter. In this program, Cassie Whitlock of BambooHR and Shane Metcalf of 15Five will outline how to build such a culture. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

• **REMI** is hosting a webinar on **Economic Forecasting Uncertainty on the U.S. Economies** on Wednesday, September 9th, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly interfered with normal economic activity across the nation. These interruptions have also created significant economic forecasting challenges and constrained the ability of governments to think critically about long-term solutions. This webinar will discuss the numerous obstacles brought on by the current outbreak and how they have impaired planning procedures across the country. [Click here](#) to learn more.
the Budget will analyze the economic forecasting uncertainty on the national and sub-national economies since the first two months of the year, drawing upon various economic forecasting surveys, data revisions, and high-frequency indicators. REMI’s Peter Evangelakis, PhD, will provide overviews of state level responses to the pandemic and descriptions of the methodological approaches that can be used when examining the uncertainty surrounding economic forecasting using the REMI model. Click here to register.

• The National Skills Coalition, in partnership with the Association of Community College Trustees and the National Council for Workforce Education, is hosting a webinar on Skills to Recover: Capitol Hill Update and Forum for Postsecondary Advocates on Wednesday, September 9th, at 3:00 PM. The federal response to the pandemic will directly impact the postsecondary world for the next several years. Postsecondary education is foundational to our country’s workforce pipeline, and community and technical colleges play a critical role in our current crisis. How are legislators thinking about the role of community and technical colleges in a time of crisis and adaptation, and how can you weigh in? Click here for more information and to register.

• The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) is hosting an e-learning opportunity on Online Data Tools DRIVE Enhanced Outcomes for Job Seekers with Disabilities on Thursday, September 10th, at 2:00 PM EST (1:00 PM CDT). Access to quality data makes good policy possible and workforce services accessible for everyone. This session will provide participants with information related to performance reporting requirements under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), with a focus on promoting improved outcomes for people with disabilities. Click here to learn more and register.

• The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is hosting a webinar on Building the 21st Century Energy Workforce on Thursday, September 10th, at 3:00 PM. Workforce development is one of the most important issues facing the U.S. energy industry that employs 6.7 million Americans. Clean energy jobs are growing as new technologies come online, while some traditional resources—such as coal-fired power plants—are shutting down, leaving a growing number of Americans out of work. Large-scale retirements among an aging workforce also present new challenges for hiring qualified workers across the energy sector. This session will explore the workforce challenges and opportunities facing the energy sector, highlight how the coronavirus pandemic is shifting the energy jobs landscape and how policymakers can support and train skilled workers to fill these vital positions. Click here to register.

• Jobs for the Future is hosting a two-day virtual institute on Women in Skilled Manufacturing Apprenticeships & Careers: An Introduction to Equity and Inclusion from Tuesday, September 15th through Wednesday, September 16th. Manufacturers must reassess and adjust their operations as the COVID-19 crisis continues with a focus on rebuilding a more versatile, diverse workforce in order to contribute to a stronger, more equitable economy. In these talent recruitment and development activities, evidence shows manufacturing employers will perform better if women are significantly represented in the workforce. Yet, the industry still comprises only approximately 30 percent women. This 2-day virtual institute will provide manufacturing
industry leaders and stakeholders with a unique opportunity to learn about and discuss best practices for hiring, training, and retaining women and help the manufacturing industry build a more robust talent pipeline. Click here for more information and to register.

• The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is hosting a webcast on People Are the Pulse of Your Organization: How to Keep a Healthy Heart Rate on Thursday, September 17th, at 1:00 PM ET (10:00 AM PT). Your people are the heartbeat of your organization. Their efforts and collaboration sustain your organization as you work toward your mission and goals. Setting up the right framework can help you keep these employees engaged and productive, in spite of cycles of stress and lag time. Willis Towers Watson's Global Benefits Attitudes Survey found that 57 percent of the employees who claimed to be experiencing high stress levels also reported being disengaged. Just as several factors influence heart health, there are several components to optimize in your engagement efforts. This panel discussion with HR leaders will explore how to recognize the cycle of engagement, both individually and on an organizational level, while providing insights and best practices to help you keep your organization healthy. Click here to learn more and register.

• Prosperity Now is hosting its first-ever Virtual Prosperity Summit from Wednesday, September 30th to Friday, October 2nd. Every two years, Prosperity Now creates a diverse, energetic, dynamic, and purposeful space for dedicated individuals working to advance economic justice. The Summit has long been a place for our partners in the field to share and learn best practices, discover new solutions, and galvanize around policies that promote financial security for all. This opportunity to convene and mobilize is critically important as we navigate the current health and economic crisis, as well as fight for economic justice and anti-racist policies affecting opportunity and equity for communities of color. Click here to learn more and register.

• Jobs for the Future is hosting a webinar on Debugged: Diversifying IT through Effective Training Programs on Tuesday, October 6th, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The tech industry has been booming for years. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in mass layoffs across industries, the IT sector added 227,000 jobs in June 2020. It’s clear that these jobs aren’t going anywhere anytime soon. However, too many people have been locked out of these career opportunities, including those without a 4-year degree who are disproportionately people of color. A plethora of training programs have emerged with the promise of providing the skills and connections people need to break into the industry, but not all of these programs are effective, or equitable. Click here to learn more and register.

• The National Career Pathway Network (NCPN) is hosting its 2020 Virtual Conference from Thursday, October 15th through Friday, October 16th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. The Conference will consist of inspiring keynotes, featured presentations, and informative panels. A wide range of asynchronous breakout sessions will be offered and available for viewing at your convenience. Click here to stay tuned.

• The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) is hosting a webinar on Monetizing Business Services: “Show” Instead of “Tell” the Value of Your Business
Services on Monday, November 9th, at 2:00 PM EST (1:00 PM CDT). Whether a business-facing staff is just starting to work with employers or is a seasoned practitioner, this webinar presented by Business U strategically elevates the practice of business engagement using a demand-driven and market-responsive framework. Participants will learn how to articulate to employers the benefits of value-based business services by "showing" instead of "telling" how much a workforce development service, program, or activity would cost in the open market if it were for sale. Click here to learn more and register.

Click here to see the MAX Calendar of Events.

INSIGHTS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPERS AND EMPLOYERS

Local Insights

- From the Andrew Young School of Public Policy, Georgia Health Policy Center, at Georgia State University: Beginning in mid-March, as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the shelter-at-home restrictions put in place by the governor’s office, educators transitioned to teaching. Click here to read more.

- From Atlanta Regional Commission: ARC’s COVID-19 Weekly Report for the week ending August 28, 2020 reveals that new unemployment insurance claims were down by 7 percent and new job postings were up by 46.2 percent from the previous week. The region saw more than 6,000 new COVID-19 cases. Click here to read more.

- From the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta: The increased demand for health care occupations may offer vulnerable service workers an opportunity for economic relief before they exhaust unemployment benefits and face housing and food insecurity. Many of the most in-demand jobs are in the health care sector and offer wages at or above those in most service industry jobs. Click here to read more.

- From the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI): Six months into the coronavirus pandemic, the virus has ravaged lives and the economy. While most of our focus has centered around the prevalence of the virus statewide, less attention has been specifically extended to the spread of COVID-19 within Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) facilities. Click here to read more.

National Insights

- From The Aspen Institute: The United States may be facing the most severe housing crisis in its history. Due to expiring eviction moratoriums across the country, 30-40 million renters are at risk for eviction in the coming months. Click here to learn more.
• From **Brookings**: Even compared to past school closures during global crises, such as the Spanish flu, the level of education disruption and lost learning today due to COVID-19 is unparalleled. Though much about the current global pandemic remains unknown, history and emerging research teach us that the COVID-19 crisis will have deep and lasting repercussions for both education and earnings, at both the individual and aggregate levels. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From **Chmura**: Hiring demand—exemplified by new online job ad volume—continued its recovery through July but remained lower than pre-COVID levels, especially in certain occupation groups and areas of the country. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From **Emsi**: How can we help low-wage workers find career pathways to high-wage jobs? That’s the problem McKinsey & Company is trying to solve. And they recently used Emsi data to get a head start. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From **Federal Reserve System**: Over the last four decades, the U.S. economy has experienced a few secular trends, each of which may be considered undesirable in some aspects: declining labor share; rising profit share; rising income and wealth inequalities; and rising household sector leverage, and associated financial instability. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From **Gallup**: Americans’ initial hope that the disruption caused by the coronavirus would end quickly has faded. Instead, after five months of living through the pandemic, Americans have come to expect the disruption to last beyond this year. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From **Jobs for the Future**: It’s becoming increasingly difficult to anticipate and predict changes in the labor market. The rapid pace at which jobs are evolving and shifts in the way people are preparing for them makes it difficult to develop responsive on-demand services that meet the unique needs of learners and workers. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From the **National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)**: In August 2020, NACE launched quick polls to gauge how institutions, organizations, and individual career services and recruiting offices are responding to the need to address racial injustice. [Click here](#) to learn more.

• From the **National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)**: In the United States the framework for economic recovery is already in place through more than 550 local workforce development boards (WDBs). These WDBs span local areas across the country, operating 2,000+ American Job Centers (AJCs). Local WDBs are practiced, effective, and agile frontline responders for local economies. The COVID-19 crisis is not their first challenge, though it may prove to be their greatest. [Click here](#) to read more.

• From the **National Fund for Workforce Solutions**: In 2012, hospitals and large healthcare systems were asking a simple question: “Why are frontline workers leaving their jobs, even for a very small salary increase?” A couple of years later, other industries would follow with their own, related question: “Is the skills gap still the biggest reason we can’t find the right talent?” Back then, who would have guessed that these questions would ultimately create a movement
that spurred over $14 million in investments to improve job quality across a broad range of industries? [Click here](#) to read more.

- From the **National Skills Coalition**: Immigrants comprise one in six American workers, and English learners make up one in ten workers. Most immigrants are non-White, and this trend is expected to continue well into the future, with Asian and Latinx immigrants making up the largest shares of new Americans. English learners are similarly likely to be people of color. As the pandemic has once again demonstrated, workers of color are disproportionately vulnerable to layoffs and pay cuts. [Click here](#) to read more.

- From **Prosperity Now**: The COVID-19 pandemic has already had an unprecedented impact on the financial lives of households across the country. During June and July 2020, Prosperity Now conducted a national survey of lower-income households to better understand the circumstances these households are confronted with and the strategies they use to secure resources to navigate this crisis. Nearly 40% of lower-income households feel worse off financially as a result of the pandemic. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- From the **Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)**: The main problem with stereotypes is that they assume particular types of people or things are the same. Without exposure to people from various walks of life, people can't address and correct their stereotypes. [Click here](#) to read more.

- From **Strada Education Network**: The portion of Americans who say they plan to enroll in an education program in the next six months has hovered near 20 percent since May, and throughout those months they also have expressed a consistent preference for nondegree programs, skills training, and online options. But what draws them to nondegree programs? How important is their safety when choosing whether to pursue education online, in person, or somewhere in between? And how are socioeconomic factors such as income and education level related to what type of education or training they seek? [Click here](#) to read more.

- From **WorkingNation**: Some 963,000 workers filed jobless claims the first week of August, according to the latest data from the Department of Labor released on Thursday. This marks the first time in 21 weeks that weekly jobless claims have dipped below one million. Despite the decline in unemployment claims, 16.3 million people are job hunting. [Click here](#) to read more.

**Data Tools**

- From the **Atlanta Regional Commission**: Using data from the Georgia Department of Public Health and other sources, ARC has created a regional data dashboard to see the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Atlanta region. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- From the **Atlanta Regional Commission**: ARC’s [COVID-19 Weekly Report](#) provides the latest data about the state of the novel coronavirus in the Atlanta area. Information comes from the
Georgia Department of Public Health, Georgia Labor Market Explorer, and Google COVID-19 Mobility Reports, among others. Click here to learn more.

- From Atlanta Regional Commission: Each week ARC provides an updated research and analytics through the 33ⁿ blog. Click here to see data on impacts to low-income workers and people of color. Click here to see a zip code map of vulnerable jobs. Click here to see data on social distancing. Click here to see data on mobility changes. Click here to see data on mobility patterns by industry. Click here to see a compendium of other data.

- From Brookings: The COVID-19 Metro Recovery Watch is aimed at informing local and state recovery strategies from COVID-19’s historic economic impacts in ways that link near-term resilience to longer-term economic transformation, racial equity, and economic inclusion. Click here to review the Metro Recovery Index.

- From Chmura: The COVID-19 Vulnerability Index describes communities most economically at-risk based solely on how a region’s mix of industries is impacted by shutdowns. This information can inform policy decisions about where state and federal aid should be directed to provide maximum support for the broader economy and to protect our most economically vulnerable citizens. Click here to see the index.

- From Chmura: Knowing which occupations can be performed remotely—that is, by working from home—is valuable for understanding the future of labor force supply in the post-COVID economy. The Remote Work Index compares the mix of remote-work employment in the region versus the average in the nation. Click here to learn more.

- From Emsi: To better understand where and why COVID-19 has spread within the United States, Emsi has developed a Health Risk Index. This index accounts for the key factors that have given the virus a stronger foothold in some regions, while others have been largely spared. Click here to see the index. Click here for information on other COVID-19 data tools.

- From Emsi: Track job posting trends by month and compare to 2019 averages through the Job Postings Dashboard. You can also filter by region, industry, company, job, and skill. Click here to see the dashboard. Click here for information on other COVID-19 data tools.

- From the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity (CWEO): The Unemployment Claims Monitor displays data from the weekly and monthly unemployment claims reports from the U.S. Department of Labor. It is updated every Thursday. Users will find weekly and monthly data on claims and on who have filed for unemployment insurance, including special unemployment programs like Short-Time Compensation (or Workshare), Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees, Ex-Service Members, and Extended Benefits programs. Click here to learn more.

- From Georgia Power: Georgia Power has created a web page to track Community Key Performance Indicators, a compilation of relevant data from some of the most reliable sources
to help track key indicators of COVID-19 and how it is impacting Georgia communities. [Click here](#) for data on workforce impacts. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- From the **National Conference of State Legislatures**: The [State Action on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Database](#) includes up-to-date, real-time information about bills related to and responding to the pandemic that have been introduced in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. [Click here](#) to access.

- From **Neighborhood Nexus**: Neighborhood Nexus, a data partner of ARC, has developed interactive maps that show the location of Georgia’s most vulnerable people – whether they are vulnerable medically or economically. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- From **Surgo Foundation**: Every community in the U.S. will be affected by COVID-19 but the impacts will not be the same in each. The [COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index](#) identifies which communities may need the most support as coronavirus takes hold. [Click here](#) to see the index.

- From the **University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG)**: CVIOG has created a web page to access [COVID-19 Economic Data](#) through its Georgiadata.org portal. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

The [Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD)](#) has published guidelines for businesses regarding their operations in light of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to see the guidelines. GDEcD is leading the state’s charge to identify manufacturers and distributors across Georgia that produce, distribute, or store critical health care supplies that are already limited in supply or may become scarce in the weeks ahead. GDEcD is also looking for facilities that can be repurposed for the production of these vital products. Businesses that are able to provide assistance and resources with either existing or adaptable production lines and facilities to [complete this form](#). [Click here](#) to learn more about the many Georgia companies that have already joined the fight against the pandemic by providing critical health care supplies.

Through the [University of Georgia’s Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)](#), in conjunction with the [Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD)](#) and [Department of Community Affairs (DCA)](#), the state has launched [an information website](#) to provide guidance on accessing a variety of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) programs. Critical funding provided through SBA by the CARES Act is designed to help small businesses keep workers employed.

[Georgia Tech’s Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GaMEP)](#) is working to help manufacturers manage during the COVID-19 outbreak through virtual meetings, one-on-one technical assistance, and webinars. The Georgia Tech Safety and Health Team is working with manufacturers to create and implement an Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan. [Click here](#) to learn more.
The Metro Atlanta Chamber has developed a list of resources for informing reopening strategies. Click here to view the list of reopening resources. Click here to view other COVID-19 resources.

The City of Atlanta has created the #ATLSTRONG FUND, a donation campaign led by the Mayor’s Office in partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta to support City of Atlanta residents experiencing economic hardships and health-related issues caused by COVID-19. Click here for more information.

The United Way of Greater Atlanta and Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta efforts to create the Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund raised significant support from more than 150 generous individuals, donors, corporations, and foundations. The fund was created to provide immediate support to those most vulnerable to the economic and health-related issues caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic. It will help with emergency assistance, health services, and additional critical needs such as childcare and food. The fund provides general operating support grants to community based organizations. While the fund is not receiving applications at this time, the next round of funding is anticipated in August 2020. Click here and here to see grants made and other information on the fund. Click here to give.

Several state organizations have made significant changes to their operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while still serving their constituencies. For an update on State Services in Georgia, click here.

Funding Portals

Candid maintains a web page on funding opportunities to assist individuals and small businesses facing hardships as a result of COVID-19. The site links to more than 700 funders supporting coronavirus response efforts. Click here to access.

The Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business has produced Covidcap.com, an online comprehensive, searchable database of grants, loans, and other equivalents to help entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and businesses anywhere in the world. A crowdsourced site intended as a public service, the site is updated daily. Click here to access.

Help Main Street! Is an online portal to help more than 120,000 businesses in all 50 states by ordering online, buying gift cards, or donating directly to provide critical cash support during the COVID-19 crisis. Click here to access.

Spotlight on Federal Efforts

The U.S. Department of Labor maintains a COVID-19 webpage through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that provides infection prevention information specifically for employers and workers. Click here to learn more.

The U.S. Department of Education maintains a COVID-19 webpage designed to equip states, communities, educators and families with resources and flexibilities that empower students of all ages to continue pursuing their education goals. Click here to learn more.
The **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** continues to provide guidance for businesses and employers on a variety of topics relating to reopening and recovery. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The **U.S. Department of Treasury** provides a review of how the CARES Act is providing economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** maintains a webpage on actions it has taken to respond to COVID-19. Specifically, **USDA Rural Development** has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses, and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)** is now accepting applications for EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau’s flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) (PDF) program, provides a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the pandemic. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The **WorkforceGPS Disability and Employment Community** has compiled a list of federal resources to support the disabled segment of the American population during COVID-19. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**FEMA**, the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**, and federal partners are working with state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to execute a whole-of-America response to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and safety of the American people. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Resource Pages**

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and **Georgia Department of Public Health** remain the primary sources for accurate and up-to-date information regarding the latest on the coronavirus. The **Georgia Department of Education**, the **Georgia Department of Human Services**, the **Georgia Department of Labor**, the **Technical College System of Georgia**, and the **University System of Georgia** each have posted information for accessing important services through their areas of purview. In addition, a number of organizations serving workforce partners have created resource pages to aid in response and recovery. Following are some examples with direct links to their COVID-19 resource pages.

**Local**

- **Atlanta Regional Commission**
- **Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)**
- **City of Atlanta**
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**
- **Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI)**
- **Georgia Center for Nonprofits**
• Georgia Chamber
• Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
• Georgia Department of Economic Development
• Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)
• Georgia Power
• Georgia Social Impact Collaborative
• Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
• Georgia Tech’s Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GaMEP)
• Invest Atlanta
• Metro Atlanta Chamber
• Technology Association of Georgia (TAG)
• United Way of Greater Atlanta
• University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG)
• University of Georgia’s Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

National
• Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA)
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
• International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
• International Economic Development Council (IEDC)
• National Association of Counties (NACo)
• National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
• National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)
• National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
• National Council of Nonprofits
• National Federation of Independent Business
• National Governors Association (NGA)
• National League of Cities (NLC)
• National Skills Coalition
• Restore Your Economy
• U.S. Chamber of Commerce
• U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
• U.S. Department of Education
• U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
• U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL)
• U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration (ETA)
• U.S. Department of Treasury
• U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

MAX JOB BOARD
The MAX Job Board serves as a centralized place to post job opportunities for workforce developers in the Atlanta region. Click here to access recent postings on the MAX Job Board. If you have a job opportunity to share, please send to office@metroatlantaexchange.org.

For more information on MAX, visit www.metroatlantaexchange.org.

Connect with providers, intermediaries, and other workforce partners through the MAX Provider Portal. If your organization is not already represented in the portal, click here to join the portal.

If you have any updates to share in the next distribution of MAX Mondays, please submit your information to office@metroatlantaexchange.org by close of business on Thursday.

The Metro Atlanta eXchange for Workforce Solutions (MAX) exists to advance economic competitiveness in the Atlanta region by strengthening connections, collaborations, and practices among workforce developers and organizations engaged in workforce development. MAX serves as a catalyst for empowering and aligning workforce development partners to meet the needs that employers have for a ready workforce. If you no longer wish to receive our emails, please let us know with a message to “unsubscribe.”

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