

## COMING SOON: YOUTHBUILD TAMPA BAY



**CareerSource Pinellas is introducing a new cohort of TampaBay YouthBuild this September!**

YouthBuild is a community-based, alternative education program for Tampa Bay area youth between the ages 17 and 24. The YouthBuild program helps create young leaders and break down occupational barriers by providing participants an attainable path to education and a career.

Participants can receive unique support and opportunities like affordable housing, employment and interview coaching, volunteer outings, and hands-on training. Additionally, YouthBuild participants can get paid while earning their high school diploma or GED and their work counts toward industry-recognized construction certifications for high-demand jobs!

If you are interested in YouthBuild or know of someone who may be a good candidate, please be on the lookout for a new program date. To learn more, [click here.](#)



## ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

You loved it - we listened! We are pleased to announce that CareerSource Pinellas and St. Petersburg College will continue partnering on weekly virtual development workshops to help Career Pinellas customers develop new skills while fine-tuning others.

The weekly "How To" series topics will range from how prepare for an interview to developing a personal professional brand. We look forward to this continued partnership.

For a complete listing of weekly workshops, visit us at:

<https://careersourcepinellas.com/job-seekers/employability-workshops/>

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 28 | 1 p.m.  
Career Networking Group

Thursday, July 30 | 10 a.m.  
Professional Networking Group

Tuesday, August 4 | 10 a.m.  
Veterans Networking Group



# 10.4%

## FLORIDA'S JUNE 2020 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 10.4%

Last week, the Department of Economic Opportunity announced Florida's June labor statistics.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.4% in June 2020, down 3.3 percentage points from May's revised rate. This translates to 1,021,000 jobless Floridians in June. The state's June unemployment rate was lower than the national average of 11.1 percent. Positively, Florida businesses did see 292,800 new private sector jobs and the state labor force climbed 1.5 percent over the month.

The release of new labor statistics provides a great opportunity to remind job seekers, employers, elected officials, and economic development and education partners of the workforce development assistance CareerSource Pinellas provides. The CareerSource Pinellas network is proud to provide uninterrupted employment and business support services to stakeholders throughout the pandemic!

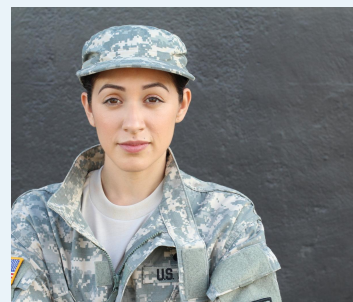
## VETERAN NETWORKING GROUP

CareerSource Pinellas has created a new, veteran-focused Networking Group, beginning August 2020! This new virtual group will consist of veterans, transitioning veterans and veteran job seekers who are looking for insight into the distinct employment challenges veterans face in the civilian workforce. Some of the topics discussed will be veteran services, military transition resume writing, and knowing your rights. Every month, new and relevant topics will be introduced, allowing attendees to get the support they need.

The Veterans Networking Group (VNG) will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning August 4. The group will be hosted by Ahmed Amer, CareerSource Pinellas's Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER).

Ahmed can be contacted by email at [aamer@careersourcepinellas.com](mailto:aamer@careersourcepinellas.com) or by phone (727-608-2465).

To learn more about the upcoming veteran groups, [click here](#).



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