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CareerSource Pinellas Makes Networking Easy

CareerSource Pinellas offers weekly networking groups as a great opportunity for our community to connect, share, and learn. CNG and PNG are peer-to-peer groups geared toward providing individuals the outlet to share experiences and offer valuable tips. During these sessions, informational speakers present valuable topics such as "Job Search Tips for Today's Environment" and "Resume Writing".

Professional Networking Group is a community of diverse business leaders, ranging from middle management to C-Level, committed to cultivating relationships through the sharing of ideas and experiences. The PNG group meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm. To register, please visit bit-urls.com/HjO9v.

Career Networking Group hosted by CareerSource Pinellas is geared toward new job seekers or those reentering the workforce, as well as individuals seeking to take the next step on the career ladder. The CNG group meets every Wednesday at 10:00am. To register, please visit bit-urls.com/K4L75.

A Fresh Start



Seeking employment for single moms and dads can be a challenge when childcare barriers exist. Finding the right provider and associated costs can be an uphill battle. And the challenges were compounded with the health crisis. Businesses closing, childcare providers closing, almost becomes a must-stay-at-home for single parents. For those resourceful and determined parents that accomplished the placement of their children and obtaining employment during these trying times, success is a true victory. Jacky is a shining example. She was determined to beat the barriers, and her determination paid off.

Jacky came to CareerSource Pinellas in early February after making a bold move from Homosassa to St. Petersburg to start a new life. She was amazed with the referral services offered by CareerSource Pinellas—childcare and transportation resources, tuition assistance, career counseling, and job search assistance.

After facing several disappointments of being offered jobs only to have the employer withdraw due to the closure of the office, Jacky was hired on with HealthCare Support on April 4, 2020 and was successful in finding a childcare provider for her two daughters. Jacky has a future goal of obtaining her Microsoft Office certification to further her career.

Her story is an example of how even in the midst of chaos, pure determination combined with the provision of services she desperately needed, allowed her to establish a secure environment for herself and her children.

Chambers Economic Development

Wednesday, June 16th, April Torregiante, Director of Strategic Initiatives, had the opportunity to provide a Workforce Outlook report to the Central Pinellas Chamber's Economic Development and GAP committees, outlining the effects of COVID-19 on the local workforce, valuable statistics and information on CSPIN programs and services, as well as local industry trends. CareerSource Pinellas has been invited to continue attending the Chambers Economic Development meetings to provide information and obtain local economic updates. Partnerships with our local chambers are integral, to remain informed of the pulse of our community and we are happy to partner with Tom Morrissette and the Central Pinellas Chamber!

New Horizons Provides a Career Restart

Wanda was a dislocated worker who was employed as a Project Management Professional for 20 years. Due to COVID-19, Wanda became unemployed, and while job searching, realized she no longer had updated certifications for her PMP. Wanda inquired about our WIOA program, and was sent to New Horizons where she earned an updated PMP certificate. Wanda completed her training and is now working at the Community Services Foundation as an Intake Manager.



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Career Networking
Group

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