



MEDIA ALERT
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**CAREERSOURCE CENTRAL FLORIDA'S YOUTH PROGRAM CAN HELP
PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR CAREERS TODAY!**

Orlando, FL – CareerSource Central Florida has developed a year-round youth program to assist those ages 16 to 21 who reside in Lake, Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Sumter counties with up to a year of training, education opportunities such as obtainment of a GED or high school diploma, and can even assist with funding post-secondary schooling options. It's all in an effort to help youth develop the skills businesses are looking for in job and career candidates.

To kick off this year-round youth program, CareerSource Central Florida is seeking to enroll 1,000 youth, who will gain career-seeking skills in preparation to participate in an eight-week paid work experience activity that will help prepare them for entry into the workforce.

These work experience activities are open to qualified student and non-student youth and will pay \$8.25 an hour to work up to 30 hours a week. The year-round youth program is funded through the federal Workforce Investment Act.

Other valuable activities in the year-round CareerSource Central Florida Youth Program include development of employment skills, on-the-job training experiences, and completion of a high school diploma, obtainment of a GED, and the gaining of industry-recognized certifications, as well as funding assistance to move onto post-secondary educational institutes.

Registration for the youth program will be held at CareerSource Central Florida's career centers:

- 4 – 7 p.m., March 13, Seminole County - 2884 South Orlando Drive, Sanford
- 9 – 3 p.m., March 15, West Orange County - 609 North Powers Drive, Suite 340, Orlando
- 4 – 7 p.m., March 20, Lake County -1415 South 14th Street, Suite 101, Leesburg
- 9 – 3 p.m., March 22, Osceola County- 1392 East Vine Street, Kissimmee
- 9 – 3 p.m., March 29, East Orange County- 4360 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
- 9 – 3 p.m., April 5, South Orange County- 1563 Florida Mall Ave, Orlando

CareerSource Central Florida provides youth services through its collaborative partners: Children's Home Society of Florida; Covenant House Florida; Goodwill Industries of Central Florida Inc.; Henkels & McCoy; and ResCare Workforce Services.

To pre-register or for more information about the CareerSource Central Florida Youth Program, please visit us online at www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com/youth and fill out the interest form.

CareerSource Central Florida offers tools to find jobs and advance careers for residents of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties. On average, CareerSource Central Florida provides nearly 8,800 job seekers each month with services such as an online job bank, career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, career assessments and internships. The organization also assists an average of 1,300 employers each month with recruitment, retention and training. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

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