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CareerSource Central Florida Reopens its Osceola County Career Center At the Valencia College Campus on June 24 for In-Person, By Appointment Services

Orlando, Fla. – Beginning June 24, CareerSource Central Florida’s (CSCF) [Osceola County Career Center](#) will reopen its doors to customers for [in-person, by appointment only services](#) between 10 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. The center is located on the third floor of the Careers in Industry & Technology (CIT) building on the east side of the Valencia College campus. CSCF will follow health and safety measures in alignment with the College and official state and local guidelines, ranging from daily health screenings and mask requirements for staff and customers, restriction of gatherings in common areas, following social distancing guidelines and much more.

Customers can make an appointment by visiting the CSCF website at careersourcecentralflorida.com or by calling 1-800-757-4598. Once they have completed the appointment request, a staff member will reach out within 24 hours to confirm the date and time for their visit. Customers are still encouraged to take advantage of virtual services options by calling from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday which have been available since March.

“CareerSource Central Florida remains committed to helping our customers during this unprecedented time, and with Osceola County ranking first in the region for unemployment during COVID-19, we know the impact of reopening will provide much-needed support to residents throughout the county,” said Mimi Coenen, CSCF Chief Operations Officer. “Our team is working hand-in-hand with Valencia College to not only safely accommodate staff and customers but serve career seekers by helping connect them to their next job opportunity as quickly as possible.”

Valencia College supports CSCF’s commitment to serve the public even as its Osceola campus remains closed from onsite classes and events activities due to COVID-19 pandemic. “As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our faculty, staff and students, [Valencia College is implementing a phased approach to reopening](#) – following best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local health agencies, and our planning partner, Orlando Health. While we continue to offer the majority of our classes online, we welcome and support CareerSource Central Florida’s mission to help residents in Osceola region re-enter the workforce and get back on their feet,” said Kathleen Plinske, provost and executive vice president of Valencia College.

Services provided at CSCF’s open Career Centers include self-service, self-guided unemployment activities or computer access to file for re-employment benefits from the Department of Economic Opportunity or log job search activities once the requirement is reinstated. Career consultation is also available to assist in advancing skills or connecting career seekers to jobs.

CSCF on June 3 reopened its career center locations in Seminole, Southeast Orange and Lake Counties for in-person by appointment only services for career seekers. The West Orange County Career Center on Powers Drive closed due to lease expiration and will reopen at its new location in the West Oaks Mall in August.

CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) is Florida’s second largest regional workforce board that is state and federally funded with an annual operating budget of \$30.5 million. CSCF provides comprehensive services to connect career seekers and local businesses at no cost. Services include screening and hiring talent; employee training and education; paid internships and no cost skills training and education programs. In fiscal year 2018-2019, CSCF has served nearly 47,000 career seekers, over 3,800 businesses, nearly 3,000 veterans and more than 1,800 youth. It helped trained more than 3,100 career seekers in advancing their skills and placed more than 8,700 individuals for jobs in the five counties it serves: Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic alone, CSCF has doubly exceeded its year-over-year goal, serving 80,000 career seekers (YTD) and more than 3,500 businesses (YTD), while strengthening its virtual services delivery including one-on-one online and phone consultations, virtual workshops and a dedicated coronavirus webpage resources. Though virtual services continue, CSCF on June 3 reopened its career centers for in-person by appointment services only in Seminole, Lake and Southeast Orange counties, followed by Osceola on June 24. The West Orange County Career Center reopens at its new location in the West Oaks Mall in August. The administration office is located in Downtown Orlando. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.