

Orientations

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Tour of Services

This self-guided tour at www.tourworksource.com provides an introduction to WorkSource.

Re-Employment Orientation

Every Wednesday and Thursday 8:15 – 11:45am & 1:15 – 4:45pm
(3hours, 30 minutes)

This is a mandatory orientation reviewing the unemployment claimant's responsibilities and requirements for work search. *You will receive a letter that identifies the session you are scheduled to attend.*

For customers receiving
Unemployment Insurance
Benefits

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Orientation

Every Tuesday 11:00am – 12:00pm (1 hour)

This orientation provides information on employment assistance for persons with disabilities focusing on assessment, counseling, guidance and job search. *Please call 676-3237, in advance, if you require an accommodation.*

For customers who have a
disability that makes it hard
to get or keep a job

Workforce Preparation Orientation

First Monday 10:30 – 11:30am; Third Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm (1 hour)

If you are a low-income youth (16-21) or an adult (22+) seeking employment services or training opportunities (GED, high school completion or short-term training), this orientation provides information on eligibility requirements, describes the application process and available job or training opportunities.

Low-income
youth and adults seeking
employment and training
assistance

Dislocated Worker Orientation

First and Third Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 am (1hour)

You are "dislocated" when you lose your job and are unlikely to return to the occupation or industry due to a plant closure, mass layoff, foreign competition, or lack of demand for your skills. This orientation provides information on eligibility requirements, describes the application process and available job or training opportunities. Formerly self-employed people, displaced homemakers or other unemployed individuals may also be eligible.

Laid-off youths, adults,
displaced homemakers, or
formerly self-employed
individuals

55 and Better Employment Connection

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 5:00-7:00pm (2 hours)

For job seekers 55 years or over interested in additional support locating employment opportunities. Friendly introduction to job search technology, resume assistance, networking, and access to the WorkSource Career Center. This orientation provides information on services available for those who meet eligibility requirements.

For customers 55 and
Better – casual, relaxed
gatherings focused on
employment and training
issues for the mature
worker



Orientations (continued)

Navigating a Conviction History

Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 1-2:45pm (1 hour, 45 minutes)

This session explores how to overcome barriers and talk with employers about a past conviction. Information on bonding and employer tax credits is also provided

For customers with a conviction / re-entering the workforce and community.

Training Benefits

Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 3-4:30pm (1 hour, 30 minutes)

This session provides an overview of the Training Benefits program for eligible unemployment claimants attending or planning to attend a full-time approved training program.

For customers receiving Unemployment Insurance and considering training/school

Job Corps Orientation

Every First Tuesday of the Month, 2:00 – 4:00pm (2 hours)

For young people ready, willing and able to participate in an educational environment, Job Corps provides an opportunity to earn a GED and/or high school diploma, a choice of over 30 vocational trades, basic medical and dental care, a modest living allowance and the chance to develop stronger academic, vocational and life skills. This orientation includes a video presentation, question and answer session and the admission process.

For youth 16-24 and parents or guardians; Call 676-3212 or register at the WorkSource Help Desk

