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## **CareerSource Tampa Bay to hold informational sessions for 2021 Summer Job Connection**

*~Youth Information Session and Employer Coffee Talk to provide additional  
information about the program~*

**TAMPA, FL** – CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) will be hosting the Summer Job Connection Information Session and Employer Coffee Talk for Hillsborough County youth and businesses. The Information Session will provide youth and their parents information regarding the program, eligibility, and program model. The Employer Coffee Talks will deliver information to employers on how to apply to be a part of the Summer Job Connection 2021 program.

CareerSource Tampa Bay is looking for up to 1,000 youth to participate in the Summer Job Connection 2021 program. Youth and Businesses looking to participate in the program can start applying for the program on Monday, January 4, 2021.

- The Youth Information Session will be held on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 pm via Zoom. To register for the session, use this link:  
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=qrsxu95ab&oeidk=a07ehhttp0us2a98c114>
- The Business Coffee Talk will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom. To register for the session, use this link:  
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=qrsxu95ab&oeidk=a07ehhtnfpmf31f754e>

Young Adults, parents and employers are invited to learn about the success CSTB experienced during the 2019 & 2020 Summer Job Connection Program. Attendees will also learn how employers play a vital role in building the future talent pipeline for youth ages 16 to 24. They will have an opportunity to learn about the exciting changes CSTB has made for Hillsborough County youth participating in the program in 2021.

“This program would not be able to succeed without our business engagement,” said Jennifer Wilson, CSTB’s Youth Director. “Our business community has been key to our success by improving regional talent pipelines and expanding workplace learning opportunities for youth through our paid work experience model. We’ve still been able to have a successful summer program even during COVID-19 by working virtually or in person with our wonderful business partners.”

The focus of the Summer Job Connection 2021 will be on regionally targeted industries and in-demand jobs which include:

- Manufacturing/Construction/ Building Trades
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Transportation
- Logistics
- Retail
- Financial Shared Services
- Healthcare
- Information Technology

CSTB plans on hiring up to 1,000 youth in 2021 and assisting up to 200 local businesses. During the summer of 2020, CSTB assisted with serving 496 youth who participated in the new Career Exploration module.

Those who should attend this event are business owners, human resource staff, guidance counselors, business service providers, and anyone interested in learning more about the CSTB Summer Job Connection program resources available. Go to:

<https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/summer-job-connection> or [www.TampaSummerJobs.com](http://www.TampaSummerJobs.com) for more information or to register for a SJC Information Session.

“We encourage Hillsborough County youth and local business to attend these virtual information sessions to kick-off Summer Job Connection 2021,” said CSTB CEO, John Flanagan. “This is a great opportunity for them to learn more about how the program can continue to help grow our community’s future labor force.”

For additional information about the Summer Job Connection 2021 program, contact the following staff:

Armando Perez via email at [perezan@careersourcetb.com](mailto:perezan@careersourcetb.com) or call 813.397.2046 or Jennifer Wilson via email at [wilsonj@careersourcetb.com](mailto:wilsonj@careersourcetb.com) or call 813.419.5398.

### **About CareerSource Tampa Bay**

CareerSource Tampa Bay programs and initiatives are fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$23,321,277.

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 173,319 services to 37,054 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2019-2020. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers is the single largest source of job candidates in the region from entry-level to executive-level candidates.

Businesses can access CareerSource’s wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with

auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit [www.careersourcetampabay.com](http://www.careersourcetampabay.com).

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