

Press Release

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Hillsborough Businesses invited to learn more about CSTB's 2020 Summer Job Connection

~Employer Table Talks to help businesses learn more about the program ~

TAMPA, FL – CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) will be hosting a series of Summer Job Connection Employer Table Talks for Hillsborough County businesses. The table talks will give employers information on how to participate in the Summer Job Connection 2020 program which will begin accepting applications on January 6, 2020.

Table Talks will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

Friday, December 13, 2019 - Plant City 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. 307 North Michigan Ave., Plant City, FL 33563

Monday, December 16, 2019 - Tampa 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. 9215 North Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33612

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - Ruskin Office - 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. 201 14th Avenue, SE Ruskin, FL 33570

Wednesday, December 18 2019 – Brandon Center 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. 9350 Bay Plaza Blvd., Suite 121 Tampa, FL 33619

Thursday, December 19, 2019 - Tampa Center 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. 9215 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33612

Employers are invited to learn about the success CSTB experienced during the 2019 Summer Job Connection Program. Understand the intricacies associated with administering a workforce development Summer Youth Employment Program and how employers play a vital role in building the future talent pipeline for youth ages 16 to 24.

"This program would not be able to succeed without our business engagement," said Jennifer Wilson, Summer Job Connection Coordinator. "Our business community has been key to our success by meeting businesses' short term workforce needs, improving our regional talent pipelines and expanding workplace learning opportunities through our paid work experience model."

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

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

CSTB plans on serving up to 1,500 youth in 2020. During the summer of 2019, CSTB assisted with hiring 560 youth who participated in the program. There were 90 employers who took advantage of the program last summer.

Businesses 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 <u>https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/summer-job</u> for more information and to register for a SJC Employer Table Talk session.

For additional information about the Summer Job Connection contact the following: Jennifer Wilson via email at <u>wilsonj@careersourcetb.com</u> 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 \$19,293,411.

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Career Source Tampa Bay provided 240,269 services to 36,960 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2018-2019. 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 Career Source'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 1-800-955-8771. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit <u>www.careersourcetampabay.com</u>.