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Programs and Services for DC Residents

2020





DC's Workforce Partners

This orientation includes information regarding education, training, and support services provided by the following workforce partners:

- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE);
- The University of the District of Columbia (UDC);
- The Department of Employment Services (DOES);
- The Department on Disability Services/Rehabilitation Services Administration (DDS/RSA);
- The Department of Human Services (DHS); and
- The DC Housing Authority



The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)



Adult and Family Education

- Supports local adult-serving schools and community-based organizations that offer Integrated Education and Training (IE&T) services in high-demand industries in the District.



The Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program

- Provides need-based funding (up to \$4,000 per academic year) to eligible DC residents to earn their first associate or bachelor's degree at select area colleges and universities.



The DC ReEngagement Center

- Serves as a “single-door” through which youth (ages 16-24) who have dropped out can reconnect to educational options and other critical services to support the attainment of a high school diploma through an adult high school or GED program.

The University of the District of Columbia



Program Types

- Workforce training
- Professional certification
- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's and graduate degrees, and more.



Five Colleges

- 1) Arts and Sciences,
- 2) Business and Public Administration,
- 3) Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences,
- 4) The Community College, and
- 5) Engineering and Applied Sciences.



Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL)

- Provides DC residents access to free job skills training that enables them to pursue employment opportunities in DC's high-demand industries.



Department of Employment Services (DOES)



The American Job Centers (AJCs)

- Offers DC residents access to a comprehensive array of employment-related services, such as career counseling, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job-training, unemployment compensation and much more in one convenient location.



The DC Infrastructure Academy (DCIA)

Trains and prepares DC residents for infrastructure jobs with leading companies in this high-demand field.



The Office of Youth Programs (OYP)

- Develops and administers workforce development programs for District youth ages 14-24.
- Provides occupational skills training, work experience, academic enrichment, life skills and work readiness training to facilitate the development of work habits and skills essential for success in the workplace.



Department of Employment Services (DOES) Cont.



Project Empowerment

- Provides supportive services, basic education, job coaching, employability skills, life skills, limited vocational training, and job search assistance for adults with multiple employment barriers.



DC Career Connections

- Provides out-of-school and unemployed young adults with opportunities to gain valuable work experience, skills training, and individualized coaching and support to obtain employment. Participants work up to 40 hours per week at a training wage of \$9.00 per hour for up to nine months.



The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- Helps older Americans, age 55 and older, acquire job readiness skills through their participation in part-time subsidized work experiences that will help them secure competitive unsubsidized employment.



Department on Disability Services/ Rehabilitation Services Administration (DDS/RSA)



DDS/RSA's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program provides vocational and rehabilitative services to individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, secure, regain, and/or advance employment.

These services can include:

- information and referral;
- assessment services;
- counseling and guidance;
- physical restoration;
- vocational training; or
- other post-secondary education or training, job search, job placement and job coaching, and supported employment.



Department of Human Services (DHS)



The Department of Human Services' Economic Security Administration (ESA) determines eligibility for five major benefits programs in the District of Columbia:

1. Medical Assistance
2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
3. General Assistance for Children program
4. Interim Disability Assistance program
5. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



DC Housing Authority Workforce Development Initiative



DC Housing Authority's Workforce Development Initiative assists Public Housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher (HCVP) participants, or DC residents who are 18+ years in mitigating or removing barriers to employment or career advancement.

- Through education, training, coaching, and support services, DCHA's Workforce Development Initiative offers multiple pathways for job/career seekers to become employable in high demand industries.
- DCHA's Workforce Development Initiative seeks to address the needs of job seekers of all levels based on the following categories:
 - Unemployed, no job training and no work history
 - Unemployed, some workforce training, and some work history
 - Underemployed, substantial work history and/or seeking wage and career advancement



Questions?