

## Career Services Fair February 15, 2019 Resource Providers

### **MassHire Career Centers**

Holyoke - <http://masshireholyoke.org>

Springfield – <http://masshirespringfield.org>

Franklin and Hampshire Counties – <https://masshirefhcareers.org>

Berkshire County - <https://masshireberkshireecc.com>

All MassHire Career Centers offer services and resources to job seekers, including job search assistance, job referral and placement, occupational trainings, workshops on resume writing, interviewing, basic computers, online job search and comprehensive services to find gainful employment.

### **Springfield Works**

Springfield WORKS' online tools and on-the-ground resources will connect you to the right resources to help you achieve your career goals. Visit <https://springfieldworks.net> to connect you to our skills-based jobs portal and links to training.

### **Way Finders' Employment Support Services**

**Secure Jobs:** Secure Jobs is a job readiness program that is funded through DTA. While in Secure Jobs, families are assisted with their job readiness skills, mock interviews, connected with agencies to assist with interview and employment clothing, helped with job search and placement, and provided with job retention services for 2 years after they are gainfully employed. To qualify, a family must be residing in a DHCD Emergency Assistance shelter, enrolled with a HomeBase provider, or receiving RAFT.

**SNAP Path to Work:** SNAP Path to Work assists those receiving SNAP benefits with their job search and placement. SNAP Path to Work is open to all Pioneer Valley SNAP recipients.

**SNAP Outreach:** Way Finders can help you initially sign up for SNAP and assist in submitting documentation to recertify for benefits if you already receive them.

For more information: <https://www.wayfindersma.org/employment-support-services>

### **Holyoke Community College**

**Springfield Adult Learning Center (SALC)**- Free ESOL classes, 4 levels, morning and evening sessions. In partnership with STCC, with classes meeting on the STCC campus. contact: Josh Cornehlisen, 413-755-3765 or [jcornehlisen@hcc.edu](mailto:jcornehlisen@hcc.edu)

**Ludlow Area Adult Learning Center** - Free ESOL classes, 4 levels, morning and evening sessions. At 54 Winsor St., Ludlow. Contact: 413-583-0320. [www.hcc.edu/ludlowcenter](http://www.hcc.edu/ludlowcenter)

**Holyoke Community College Grant Funded Programs** - Free training in: ESOL Nurse Aide/Home Health Aide; Western Mass Pipeline for Puerto Rican Nurses (re-licensing for PR (and outside the US) nurses; ESOL Culinary program; Line Cook Training; and TRAIN (Training Resources and Internship Networks). [www.hcc.edu/courses-and-programs/workforce-development/free/subsidized-classes-for-unemployed-and-underemployed](http://www.hcc.edu/courses-and-programs/workforce-development/free/subsidized-classes-for-unemployed-and-underemployed)



**Springfield Technical Community College** - contact: Susan Johnson Workforce Development/STCC Adult Education Center (413) 755-4300

**Workforce Development Center** offers programs and classes that will lead to employment. We offer workforce training and certifications in a wide variety of areas including Construction/Trades, Health, IT/Network Certification, Management, Manufacturing, Professional and Personal Development, Real Estate Sales.

**Springfield Adult Learning Center (SALC)** classes focus on preparing students for careers in addition to entering community college and vocational certificate programs. HiSET, ESOL, and Transitions to College offered free to MA residents.

**Greenfield Community College** ([www.gcc.mass.edu](http://www.gcc.mass.edu))

**Admissions** for degree and certificate programs. College & Career Compass resources are available for hands-on support to explore majors and build individual academic and career plans. [admission@gcc.mass.edu](mailto:admission@gcc.mass.edu) or (413) 775-1801

**Workforce Development & Community Education** trainings and workshops leading to employment include Construction/Trades, ServSafe Food Protection and online vocational trainings. Funding is available for eligible participants in Manufacturing, Allied Health including Personal Care Homemaker and Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide, CPR, First Aid and EMT Basic. Contact [non-credit@gcc.mass.edu](mailto:non-credit@gcc.mass.edu) or 413-775-1661

**MA Department of Transitional Assistance**

**Springfield Office:** <https://www.mass.gov/locations/springfield-center-transitional-assistance-office-dta>

**Holyoke Office:** <https://www.mass.gov/locations/holyoke-transitional-assistance-office-dta>

**Greenfield Office:** <https://www.mass.gov/locations/greenfield-transitional-assistance-office-dta>

**Pittsfield office:** <https://www.mass.gov/locations/pittsfield-transitional-assistance-office-dta>

The DTA assists and empowers low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, improve their quality of life, and achieve long term economic self-sufficiency. DTA serves one in eight residents of the Commonwealth with direct economic assistance (cash benefits) and food assistance (SNAP benefits), as well as workforce training opportunities.

**Western Mass Employment Collaborative (WMEC)** - <https://www.wmecworks.net/>

We expand employment opportunities for a diverse population of individuals with disabilities. WMEC is a collaborative of community partners in Western Massachusetts that helps job seekers find meaningful work with great employers, creating a stronger community. The pool of candidates, which results from the collaborative of community partners, includes individuals who experience a mental illness, a developmental disability, or a physical disability. Job candidates have a range of interests, skills and level of education, but all share one common trait – the commitment and desire to enter the workforce and contribute positively to a local employer.

**Veterans Administration** - <https://www.centralwesternmass.va.gov>

This Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System provides primary, specialty, and mental health care, including psychiatric, substance abuse, PTSD services and vocational rehabilitation services, to more than 120,000 veterans in central and Western Massachusetts.

**Central Hampshire Veterans' Services** - <https://www.northamptonma.gov/194/Veterans-Services>

The primary mission of the Veterans' Services Department is to assist veterans with receiving the benefits due to them, and to provide food and housing, medical, and employment assistance as needed. The city's veterans' agent serves all veterans in Northampton, Williamsburg, Amherst, Pelham, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hadley, Middlefield and in the VA Medical Center in Leeds.

**Veterans, Inc** - <http://www.veteransinc.org>

We offer numerous programs and services including Case Management (treatment plans, benefits counseling, transportation, legal advice, referrals, etc.), Housing (emergency, transitional, and long-term), Employment & Training (career counseling, training, job placement, etc.) and Outreach (food pantry, clothing, etc.).

**Odyssey House, Viability - Holyoke** - <https://www.viability.org>

A Clubhouse where both staff and members believe in the notion of "recovery through work" and work together in a partnership to conduct all operations in a vibrant work ordered day. We provide both an active social component and a strong employment program that offers three tiers of job placement, supports opportunities and connections in the larger community.

**Community Legal Aid** - <http://www.communitylegal.org>

We are a non-profit legal aid program serving the civil legal needs of qualifying low-income residents of central and western Massachusetts. CLA's benefits attorneys provide legal assistance in Social Security cases to individuals who are seeking SSI or SSDI benefits. Learn more at our website (see above).

**Community Education Project, Holyoke** - <http://www.cepholyoke.org>

We offer Spanish GED/HISET prep classes and ESOL classes to the community.

**Square One - Workforce Development** - <http://www.startatsquareone.org>

- **Learn & Earn** offers a FREE education and career building program for youth ages 16-24, who are seeking to earn their high school equivalency diploma and begin building their careers. Participants have the opportunity to attend classes, as well as a hands-on work experience throughout the week. Child care assistance is available. Holyoke and Springfield residents.
- **Squad** provides workplace training for individuals age 18 and over who are currently experiencing homelessness or at risk for becoming homeless. Squad participants may also participate in FREE HiSET preparation classes. Hampden County residents.