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Events September 9 and 10 to aid job seekers and individuals needing resources

Vancouver, Wash. (Sep. 2, 2021) – As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and thousands in Southwest Washington remain out of work, the local workforce system is finding new ways to connect job seekers to employment and training options through a series of events planned for September 9 and 10.

- **September 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** A Virtual Resources Fair to aid people with connecting to healthcare, legal services, education and more. The event is free, but registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3ykDF4A>.
- **September 9 from 12 to 2 p.m.** An in-person Hiring Event will enable job seekers to meet with companies that are currently hiring. The event will be held outdoors in the parking lot of the WorkSource center in Kelso at 305 S. Pacific Ave., Kelso.

Businesses include ABM, Addus Home Care, American Workforce Group, Ascend Staffing, Express Professionals, Foster Farms, Iron Workers 29, LifeWorks, Lower Columbia College, Pacific Northern Environmental, Steelscape, Team, Waite Specialty Machinery and Walmart.

Jobs are available in materials handling, education, production, skilled labor, welding, fabrication, social work, caregiving and more. Job seekers with questions should contact Gherid Smick, 360-578-4226 or gsmick@esd.wa.gov.

- **September 10:** Teams from the Next youth career center and WorkSource will be available at locations around the region to answer questions and help job seekers with employment services and job training. Local mayors are expected to stop in at several venues.

Clark County 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Becerras International Groceries
- Family and Community Resource Center, Brush Prairie

Cowlitz County 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Highlands Neighborhood Community Center, Longview
- Woodland Community Library
- Castle Rock City Hall
- Kalama City Hall

Wahkiakum County 9 - 11 a.m.

- Wahkiakum Community Center

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Employment and training assistance is available for adults by visiting www.WorkSourceSWWA.com and for young adults ages 16 to 24 at www.NextSuccess.org.

The events are sponsored by the region's Local Workforce Development Board, [Workforce Southwest Washington](http://WorkforceSouthwestWashington).

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), a nonprofit organization, funds community prosperity by investing in services that help individuals gain skills to obtain good-paying jobs or advance in their careers and help companies attract, train and retain workers. Since 2003, we've invested more than \$100 million in Southwest Washington. WSW is the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) designated by federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) legislation to oversee the public workforce system in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Clark counties. Learn more at www.workforcesw.org.

WorkSource is a partnership of state, local and nonprofit organizations that provides an array of employment and training services to job seekers in Washington State. Customers access services electronically through www.WorkSourceWA.com or a network of more than 60 WorkSource centers and affiliate sites across Washington State. The WorkSource centers in Kelso and Vancouver provide services including connections to open jobs, funding for job retraining, workshops and classes, connections to housing, childcare, transportation, food assistance and other support services. View information about the Southwest Washington WorkSource centers at www.WorkSourceSWWA.com.

Next provides employment and career services to young adults ages 16 to 24. Individuals can get assistance to complete their high school equivalency and obtain a GED, get placement into work or the trades or get support to continue their education. Next is an initiative of Workforce Southwest Washington. Learn more at www.nextsuccess.org.

WSW, WorkSource and Next are equal opportunity employers/programs.
Auxiliary aids are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Washington Relay 711.

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