

Job Seeker Corner

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Workforce Center Hours for Walk-in Consultations

Good luck in choosing your next career! Always remember, the Workforce Center offers a variety of walk-in consultation hours if you get stuck and need to ask questions. [Click here](#) for a complete list of Workforce Center hours and contact information.

New Initiatives

Job Seeker Tip

The Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) is a hub of resources for job seekers and businesses alike. Throughout 2014, we served nearly 13,500 job seekers by helping them obtain employment or develop viable career options. We offer a variety of services including information on Unemployment Insurance, Job Seeker Workshops, Job Search Videos, Career Exploration Tools, and support for Training Programs [click here](#).



We also host **hiring events and job fairs** in which employers are invited to our agency or a common community location to meet with job seekers. This is an opportunity for individuals to interact with hiring managers of companies recruiting for various positions. Our office is focused on bridging the gap between employers and job seekers while hosting a space that allows an opportunity to connect the old fashioned way, by having face-to-face conversations. *Business Development Specialist, Jackie Tuck*, helps organize hiring events with employers in the community. Jackie notes that because businesses are struggling to find qualified candidates, the requests for hiring events has definitely been on the rise. Businesses are making themselves available for conversations that will help open doors. This is encouraging for many job seekers who spend most of their time applying to online positions with little to no response.

Workforce Center customer, John B., offers insight and information on how his attendance at a Larimer County hosted hiring event helped lead to his success in obtaining employment:

“Several times a month the Workforce Center has job fairs and ‘**Face Time [Hiring Events]**’ where you can meet with employers actively hiring. **YOU**



Is lack of experience keeping you from reaching your career goals?

Obtaining an internship is one way to get experience in your chosen occupational field while helping to fill gaps on your resume. An internship has a multitude of benefits including the ability to gain valuable work experience, decide whether or not it's the right career for you, offers great networking opportunities, and a chance to perform informational interviews with individuals working in the field.

So are you interested in an internship?

The LCWC is currently operating a new initiative, ReHire Colorado, a transitional employment program designed to combine wage-paid work, job skills training, and supportive services to help individuals facing barriers to succeed toward employment. If you are accepted into the ReHire Colorado program you will work with a Case Manager from the LCWC to set up a paid internship to lead toward successful employment. To be eligible for ReHire Colorado you must meet the following criteria:

- Lawfully present and eligible to

NEED TO GO TO THOSE EVENTS! It was only because I attended a 'Face Time [Hiring Event]' that I was offered and accepted a position with a national company with LOTS of opportunities, potential and advancement. The Workforce Center offers classes in writing a cover letter and resume and help with interviewing. The Workforce Center is a resource and a tool in assisting you with finding employment."

Just as our customer John B. has done, we encourage job seekers to diversify their job search by reaching out to employers that are waiting to meet you within the community. Not only will attending a hiring event increase your ability to get hired, but it will increase your confidence in knowing that employers are trying to connect with you. Continue reading or click to the **'Hiring Events and Job Fairs'** tab to learn more information on upcoming events hosted by the Larimer County Workforce Center.

Unemployment Insurance Corner

Are you currently receiving or have you recently applied for Unemployment Insurance benefits?



A recent Federal initiative created a new Unemployment Insurance program called **'Links to Reemployment.'** This program is designed to provide early intervention services to dislocated workers that have been receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits for at least 5 weeks and who may have difficulty finding employment in their previous occupation. 'Links to Reemployment' is currently being implemented by local Workforce Centers throughout the state of Colorado. If you have been selected to participate in this program, you will be sent a letter requiring you to attend a mandatory orientation hosted by your local Workforce Center. If you are a Larimer County resident currently receiving, or have recently applied for Unemployment Insurance, please be mindful that you may be contacted by your local Workforce Center to attend an orientation.

Hiring Events and Job Fairs

The Holiday season is upon us, which means that Larimer County will host a **Holiday Job Fair** on **Saturday, November**

- work in the U.S.;
- Colorado resident;
- At least 18 years of age;
- Family income below 150% the federal poverty level, as adjusted for family size;
- Unemployed, or employed for no more than 24 hours per week, for at least four consecutive weeks;
- Demonstration of active job search through the public workforce system.

If interested in applying for **ReHire Colorado**, please contact **Dan Ricci** with the LCWC at (970) 498-6654 or dricci@larimer.org.



7th from 9am-12pm at the LCWC, 200 West Oak St., Fort Collins, Colorado. This is an awesome opportunity for job seekers to connect with

company representatives from companies such as Fed Ex, Macy's, Embassy Suites, Home Depot, Ross, Yankee Candle and more!

The employers will offer job seekers the opportunity to secure seasonal, permanent, part-time, and full-time positions. We encourage you to attend this event dressed for success with a few resumes to distribute to potential employers. [Click here](#) to view our flyer for this event.

Employer Spotlight

Are you looking for an entry level job that has career potential?



The LCWC would like to introduce you to **TeleTech**, a call center located in Greeley, Colorado. TeleTech is looking to fill 120-200 positions for a new contract with a company that is dedicated to exceptional service and, according to the 2014 Forrester Research, Inc. report, is among the top three financial institutions in customer advocacy rankings. Although they are seeking to fill entry level jobs, new hires will receive 11 weeks of paid training which will lead to an insurance license that can be used on a national level! This is an exciting opportunity for individuals that are just beginning their careers, or in the middle of a career transition, and in search of a skill they can use throughout the U.S.

What are the benefits of working for TeleTech?

- Making at least \$16/hour for their insurance licensed position
- 11 weeks of paid training including an insurance license to sell in all 50 states
- A regular schedule: Monday-Friday, 6am-3pm
- Full benefits package including health, dental, vision, and retirement
- Tuition reimbursement for up to \$3000 per year
- Career advancement opportunities

If you have a High School Diploma or GED, are 17 years old or older, basic computer skills, and a positive attitude, TeleTech encourages you to apply! For more information regarding TeleTech's open positions [click here](#) to visit their website.



Career Transition Services

The Career Transition Program, federally funded through the **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**, is administered through the LCWC. Some of the key services supported through the Career Transition Program include access to scholarship dollars to support the acquisition of in-demand skills through training, limited paid internship opportunities, and personalized intensive job search assistance. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Career Transition Program, the eligibility criteria to access services, and how to take the next steps in registering for the Information Session.



The Career Transition Team is spotlighting one specific initiative titled "**Hire for Colorado**". This re-employment project targets candidates who have been unemployed over **26 weeks in length**, who are typically connected to an Unemployment Insurance (UI) qualifying claim. Services include:

- Access to paid internships
- Scholarship dollars to aid candidates in obtaining marketable skills, and
- Personalized intensive job search services for those who may need ideas and support in executing an effective job search plan

The ultimate goal of **Hire for Colorado** is to help candidates return to work. [Click here](#) for more about the Career Transition Program and Hire for Colorado, and how to take the next steps in registering for the Information Session.

You can also contact the Career Transition Team via phone at **(970) 498-6694** to answer any questions you may have prior to your Information Session attendance.

Veterans Corner

Catholic Charities is hosting a **9th Annual Northern Colorado Veterans Stand Down** on Friday, November 6th, 2015 from 9am-1pm at 460 Linden Center Drive in Fort Collins, CO. Services will include breakfast, lunch, flu shots, oral cancer screen, suicide prevention, clothing essentials, legal services, bicycle tune-ups, haircuts, and basic veterinary services. A Veterans ID is requested, but not required. [Click here](#) for more information and to see what community organizations will be present.

Are you a Veteran looking for work?

Military Veterans and eligible spouses seeking services at the LCWC receive 'Priority of Service.' This priority allows you to move to the front of the line in all training and placement services offered by our agency. Any veteran who served 'one' day of active service in the United States military and who was discharged/released under conditions other than dishonorable will qualify for our 'Priority of Service.'

Sometimes, one of the biggest barriers to employment for veterans is figuring out how to translate their military experience into something that employers can relate to. To get a head start on your job search [click here](#) and use a comprehensive online military skills and occupational translator.

The LCWC is grateful for your service and proud to offer one-on-one appointments to our veterans and eligible spouses' to assist with your job search goals. For assistance with your job search, please contact 970-498-6600 to schedule a 30 minute appointment with an Employment Specialist.

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