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KENT COUNTY: Grand Rapids SE Service Center

FEBRUARY 2024

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5 Career Exploration 9-11am Job Search Techniques 1:30-2:30pm	6	7	8	9
12 Introduction to Resumes 9-10:15am Cover Letter Writing 10:30-11:30am Introduction to Interviewing 1:30-3pm	13	14	15	16
19 CLOSED	20	21	22	23
26 Job Searching for the Experienced Worker 9-10:30am Goal Setting 1:30-2:30pm	27	28	29	

West Michigan Works! in Kent County-Grand Rapids SE Service Center is located at: 121 M.L.K. Jr St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507



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INTRODUCTION TO INTERVIEWING (1.5 hours): What you wish you knew before the interview. Learn interviewing tips and how to answer a variety of questions.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS - WorkReady: To find out which modules are best for you, please take the online preassessment prior to registering. In this employability skills series, you will focus on building the skills employers are looking for, like time management, communication, teamwork and more. This workshop series can help you stand out from the crowd to employers. Please note the Communications WorkReady workshop is 90 minutes, all others are 75 minutes.

CAREER EXPLORATION (2 hours): This self-assessment workshop is used to match personal interests with related careers. Discover your abilities matched to current in-demand jobs.

JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUES: This workshop covers the basics of job search while incorporating tips on standing out in a competitive workforce. You will acquire a toolkit of resources to assist you in your job search.

JOB SEARCHING FOR THE EXPERIENCED WORKER: This workshop is designed to assist Job Seekers who are 40+ years old. We will discuss the following:

- Identify misconceptions and how to overcome experience discrimination.
- Define and address employer perceptions of experienced workers.
- Identify strategies to show your value in the workforce.
- Recognize thoughts, attitudes and behaviors that work against obtaining employment.
- Evaluate the importance of salary expectations, retirement and other financial considerations.
- Identify a list of tools and resources to aid in your job search in today's world.

JOB SEARCHING WITH A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND: This virtual workshop provides helpful information about background checks and job search strategies for someone with a criminal background. You will learn how to navigate applications and how to answer specific interview questions regarding your criminal background. You will also get information about programs and resources that may be able to assist you with your job search efforts.

LEADERSHIP STYLES: You don't have to be a manager to be a leader. You might be asked in an interview what your leadership style is; be prepared to answer that question. This course will discuss the six different leadership styles by Daniel Goleman and help you determine what style of leader you are.

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GOAL SETTING: This workshop will focus on action-oriented goal setting and will offer strategies to help you set and reach your goals, including an in depth look at the SMART goal setting technique. Common barriers to goal setting and ways to combat procrastination will also be discussed.

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