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Headline: CareerSource Pasco Hernando and Pasco County partner to Help Increase Economic Development through Workforce Re-entry.

Pasco County (Region 16), Florida- On September 17, 2018, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners approved the Workforce Re-entry program, designed to help Pasco County residents who are under-served or under-employed. This first-of-its-kind program in the region will provide up to 50 residents the opportunity to improve their skills through on-the-job-training and employer-driven education. The Workforce Re-entry program will also encourage economic growth by nurturing our local talent pool.

“We are working hard to be on the forefront, nurturing and developing programs to sustainably improve Pasco County’s workforce and economic potential. The Workforce Re-entry partnership between Pasco County and CareerSource Pasco Hernando is a prime example of our determination to foster Pasco’s under-skilled residents and homeless population into sought-after talent needed for today’s thriving economy, which is hungry for qualified individuals.”
- Mike Wells, Chairman, Pasco Board of County Commissioners

Offering community members Certified Production Training Program or employer-driven training will create transferable skills, which align with the targeted industries and strategic strategies of Pasco County and CareerSource Pasco Hernando. Local industries will also benefit from the ability to hire quality, skilled employees who can help organizations become more competitive in today’s global market. By gaining transferable skills, participants will have the ability to gain high-wage employment and skilled trade positions in local businesses, which will lead to economic growth and stability throughout Pasco County.

“In order to cultivate economic advancement, it is imperative to have a strong workforce. Through the Workforce Re-entry program residents will have an opportunity to gain transferable skills, which in turn will encourage local business development.”
- Jerome Salatino, CEO/President of CareerSource Pasco Hernando.

The Workforce Re-entry program will serve:

- The under-served / under-employed
 - Veterans
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Ex-offenders in an effort to reduce recidivism
 - Individuals with substance abuse issues
 - Pasco County Homeless shelters, including halfway houses
 - Pasco County employers and education system, as well as Pasco County Government
- *Pasco county eligible residents must be at least 18 years old to participate.*

The \$350,000 investment to the Workforce Re-entry program, funded by Penny for Pasco dollars, will yield a \$1.5 million return. The skills gained within the Workforce Re-entry program are tangible skills, which will provide participants the diversity needed to succeed in today’s job market.

*For more information about the Workforce Re-entry program,
please contact CareerSource Pasco Hernando at:
(727)484-3400 x 3023 / reentry@careersourcepascohernando.com.*

CareerSource Pasco Hernando enhances economic development efforts of our region by providing a well-trained, high quality workforce which supports the success of local business and improves the quality of life. CareerSource Pasco Hernando is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers on this website may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711

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