

NEGRC/WORKSOURCE NORTHEAST STAFF SUPPORT NEWTON COUNTY/ GEORGIA PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN-PERSON JOB FAIR

In July, WorkSource NEGA staff members, Kim Meadows and Olivia Wintz, presented several workshops designed to prepare job seekers for the job fair held at Georgia Piedmont Technical College on Thursday, July 22nd. The workshop topics included: transferable skills, interviewing and how to explain gaps in work history.

Pictured are WIOA Business Services Career Advisor Olivia Wintz (right) and S. Mikaela Wood who attended all 3 days of workshops.



SUMMER 2021 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the NEGRC's Workforce Development Division was unable to operate the Work Experience program in Summer 2020. However, this summer we were able to offer this opportunity to both students and worksites. Fifty-five youths from the WIOA High School Youth Program participated in the Summer 2021 Work Experience program. There were a total of 34 worksites in the NEGRC's twelve-county area, which included non-profit agencies, local government worksites, and some private sector businesses. New worksites this summer included Jasper County's Downtown Development Authority, Wimberly Roots Garden in Barrow County, and the Greene County Library. The Work Experience activity operated for a six-week period. Participants worked up to 30 hours per week for the six-week period, and were paid \$7.75 per hour. During the school year, these students participated in Job Readiness training workshops, and were able to apply what they learned during the Work Experience program.



During this year's Summer Work Experience program, some changes were made due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, including conducting virtual orientations and reviewing ongoing COVID-19 guidelines with both the worksite supervisor and participants.

For further information on the Youth Services offered by the NEGRC's Workforce Development Division, please contact **Rima Sullivan**, NEGRC Youth Program Director, at **(706) 369-5703**.

MeAsia at the Pete Nance Boys & Girls Club in Greene County

SOCIAL CIRCLE RECEIVES HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT

The City of Social Circle is the recipient of over \$10,000 in Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant funding. This program is offered through the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service and administered by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Social Circle will utilize the funding to undertake a Historic Resource Survey of historic resources, including buildings, structures, and objects constructed in or before 1981. Social Circle is eligible for this funding through the Certified Local Government program. For more information on the HPF or for assistance with historic preservation efforts in your community, contact **Lydia Joffray**, NEGRC Historic Preservation Planner, at ljoffray@negrc.org.

DCA HOSTS CDBG-CV WORKSHOP

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will host a virtual applicants' workshop for its **Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program** on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 8:30am to 12:30pm**. This workshop is particularly intended for local governments interested in funding for developing food-pantry and/or rural health-care facilities.

The purpose of this workshop is to inform local government officials and other interested parties of the procedures to be used in preparing State CDBG-CV Round 2 - Public Facilities applications. It is designed to provide an opportunity to learn the details involved in putting together a competitive application, to ask questions, and to share information. Potential projects must include activities that "prevent, prepare for or respond to" Coronavirus. Eligible facilities include food pantry facilities and rural health care facilities. All units of local governments are eligible to apply. Attendance is strongly encouraged for applicant local government officials, grant administrators as well as architects interested in learning more about the CDBG-CV application process.

Visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6249233082620392972> to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Questions regarding the workshop can be emailed to: CDBG-CV@dca.ga.gov.

For information related to assistance in developing CDBG-CV applications, contact **Eva Kennedy**, NEGRC Director of Planning & Government Services, at ekennedy@negrc.org.

EDUCATOR EXTERNSHIPS CONNECTING EDUCATORS TO LOCAL INDUSTRIES

The summer of 2021 proved very successful for the NEGRC's Workforce Development Division with a new initiative involving

local educators and area industries. The "Connect Northeast Georgia Educator Externships" was initially planned for the Summer of 2020 but postponed due to COVID-19.

Working this year with regional educators, Chambers of Commerce and other employer organizations from eight counties, sixty-five educators had an opportunity to extern/job shadow twenty-seven industries for a week during June 2021. The purpose of the externship was to expose educators to the "real time work" available in their communities. The educators will take what they learned from their experiences back to their respective schools and apply it to students, parents, and fellow educators; making them aware of the job opportunities and careers available in their communities. The educators received stipends of \$1,000 for the externships with twenty-eight of the educators participating and supported through the NEGRC's WorkSource Northeast Georgia program.

Educators from the following counties participated in the program: **Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, and Walton** Counties. Employers participating in the educator externships included Caterpillar, Accurus Aerospace, ABB Motors and Mechanical, CertainTeed, Engineered Fabrication, Stepan Co., Pure Beauty Farms, America's Remanufacturing Co, a2b Fulfillment, Boiler and Steam Piping, Reynolds Lake Oconee, Norton Packaging, Georgia Metals, SPG Construction, Mannington Mills, Bard Manufacturing Co, Leggett and Platt, Tucker Door and Trim, Hitachi Astemo, Ltd., Standridge Color Corporation, Takeda, Bridgestone Golf, Facebook, Clarion Metals and SRG Global.

Plans are underway to offer educator externships again next summer, building upon this year's success of the collaborative of Connect NEGA with educators and local businesses. For further information, please contact, **Carol Cofer**, NEGRC Director of Workforce Development, at **(706) 369-5703**.



Barrow County's educators and employer representatives.



Athens-Clarke County's participants.



Madison County educators, Linda Prados and Devyn Petterson.



Greene County's educators and industry representatives.



Morgan County's educators and industry/community representatives with Bob Hughes, President of Madison-Morgan Chamber and NEGRC WIOA Board member (far right).



Jasper County educators, Johnnie Sue Moore (left) and Margaret Proctor (right) with Office of Economic Development Intern, Gracie Rehburg, at center.



Walton County's educators and industry/community representatives



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REGIONAL MEETINGS
AUGUST

10 th	8:30 a.m.	Northeast Georgia Workforce Development Board	NEGRC
19 th	Noon	NEGRC Council Meeting	Trumps Catering