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CareerSource Northeast Florida Distributes Paper Applications for Reemployment Assistance Beginning This Week

Career Centers in eight locations will make paper applications available to Northeast Florida residents who don't have Internet access, struggle to get through on phone lines for assistance

April 6, 2020: CareerSource Northeast Florida (NEFL), the regional workforce development organization, will be making available paper Reemployment Assistance (unemployment) applications from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO.) A limited number of applications will be available for pickup in front of eight CareerSource NEFL Career Center locations beginning Monday, April 6 at 3:00 PM. The locations will be fully stocked by Wednesday April 8.

Along with applications, people can also pick up pre-addressed envelopes with the applications, fill them out at home, and send them in the mail to DEO for processing. The applications will be available in both English and Spanish. The organization is initially printing 10,000 applications.

To ensure the safety of visitors and employees, the applications and envelopes will be available outside the centers for self-service. No staff will be available onsite.

CareerSource NEFL locations:

Baker County

1184 South 6th Street Macclenny, FL 32063

Clay County

1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 150 Fleming Island, FL 32003

Duval County

Downtown: 215 N. Market Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Gateway: 5000 Norwood Avenue, Suite 2

Jacksonville, FL 32208

Southside: 11160 Beach Blvd., Ste. 111

Jacksonville, FL 32246

Nassau County

96042 Lofton Square Court Yulee, FL 32097

Putnam County

400 Highway 19 North, Ste. 53 Palatka, FL 32177

St. Johns County

525 State Road 16, Suite 109 St. Augustine, FL 32084

In addition to the hard copy applications, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has developed a downloadable application that is available on its <u>website</u>. It is also available in <u>Spanish</u>. Workers can download the document and mail it to DEO at the following address:

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

P.O. Box 5350 Tallahassee, FL 32314-5350

Although during the COVID-19 Pandemic CareerSource NEFL offices and Career Centers are closed to the public, its staff is working remotely, providing services over the phone to job seekers and businesses.

CareerSource Northeast Florida, operated by First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., is responsible for providing a trained workforce to the employers in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, & St. Johns Counties. First Coast Workforce Development administers an annual budget of over \$20 million. For more information on CareerSource NEFL's services, visit their website at careersourcenefl.com.
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