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CareerSource Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County Announce ACE Program

~Are you 18 to 24 years old and looking for a career?~

TAMPA, FL – CareerSource Tampa Bay is teaming up with Hillsborough County's Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) to implement the Apprenticeship-to-Career Empowerment Program (ACE) set to launch in August and September 2021.

The ACE Program is seeking young adults ages 18 to 24 who are looking for a career pathway and to earn while they learn!

Young adults, ages of 18 to 24, from low-income households in Hillsborough County will have the opportunity to sign up for the program. ACE is looking to help individuals who have experienced adversity in their backgrounds to include youth aging out of the Foster Care system or have been victims of Human Trafficking.

The program is designed to empower young adults to take control of their futures by providing them an opportunity to learn industry specific skills and credentials while earning income and real-world work experience. This opportunity will provide a career pathway trajectory that will accelerate their future earning potential.

Young adults will receive two (2) days of occupational skills training through a local training provider or apprentice program and three (3) days of worksite or hands on training with a local employer. Training will yield an industry-recognized certification and meaningful paid work experience. Participants will earn as they learn and be paid \$15 per hour with a maximum of 24 hours per week.

The *Ace Program* will have the backing of four industries, Financial Shared Services and Information Technology are first up to start in August and September with Healthcare and Manufacturing starting soon as training program selections are set.

Financial Shared Services and Information Technology will each run two career Paths for 8 to 12-week periods, the career paths will be:

- Digital Marketing 8-week program
- Cyber Security 12-week program

- Front End or Software Development 12-week program
- Business Operations Specialist 9-week program

The ACE program is seeking local employers in the targeted industries to partner with *CareerSource Tampa Bay* providing worksite training and a future for a Hillsborough young adult. Employers will receive paid youth interns during their worksite hours. CSTB hopes to have multiple industry representatives partnering with us in this program currently we have several employers and Computer Coach kicking off the Ace Program with us.

“Those of us at CareerSource Tampa Bay are excited for this incredible opportunity to help the youth of Hillsborough County find the careers fit for them,” said CSTB CEO John Flanagan. “We hope that the implementation of this program will lead to a significant number of bright new careers for our youth in Hillsborough County.”

For more information or to register for the program please contact Cynthia Diaz at ACE@CareerSourceTB.com or call (813)-930-7400. The program website is located at <http://www.careersourcetampabay.com/ace>

About CareerSource Tampa Bay

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CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 173,319 services to 37,054 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during the program year 2019-2020. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers, is the single largest source of job candidates in the region, from entry-level to executive-level candidates. We work closely with all Veterans.

Businesses can access CareerSource’s wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit www.careersourcetampabay.com.

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