



Job Placement Month, October 2018

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Employer Awards and Certificates

Kentucky Employers throughout the state will be presented with certificates and awards, which include the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR) annual employer awards.

Employers recognized include:

- Active Day of Somerset
- Amazon
- Blackboard Student Services
- Cato Fashion
- Elizabethtown Swim and Fitness Center
- EOS USA
- Fazoli's
- Great American Cookies
- Kroger
- Pennyrile Allied Community Services
- Red Lion Inn and Suites
- Rural King
- Viaquest, Inc.

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Danville District: Soft Skills Boot Camp

Date TBD

Somerset Career Center

Each applicant will spend 5-7 minutes with each employer doing a job interview. A timer will beep and they move to the next employer. Afterward, they will receive a copy of their feedback form plus face-to-face conversation about their strengths and needs, advice and a list of community resources and supports. This will be treated as an actual interview with employers willing to potentially offer to hire. They will also be encouraged to visit the career center to learn more about educational opportunities, WIN, Federal Bonding, resume and job search.

Bluegrass District: Expungement Clinic

9/21/18

Goodwill Ind of KY, 130 West New Circle Road, Lexington

Job Placement Specialist, Suzanne Isaacs, will have a table at the Expungement Clinic.

Central Office: Cintas Tour

9/25/18 11pm to 1pm

Cintas, Louisville

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's central office staff will be visiting Cintas in Louisville for a tour.

Bluegrass District: FMC Lexington Information Fair

9/25/18

Federal Medical Center, Lexington

Job Placement Specialists, Christa Martin and Amber Barnes, will have a table at the Federal Bureau of Prisons Informational Fair for Incarcerated and Returning Citizens.

Bluegrass District: SERNRA Conference

9/25/18 to 9/28/18

Biloxi, MS

Christa Martin, Job Placement Specialist, will present four ethics sessions at the South East Region of National Rehabilitation Association Conference.

Ashland District: 2018 Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion

9/28/18 8am to 2:45pm

Marshall University

This conference is designed to celebrate individuals with different backgrounds as well as increase awareness of diversity and inclusion and how inclusion practices influence and enhance the workplace community.

Elizabethtown, Louisville, and Bluegrass Districts: Diversity and Disability Career Fair

10/4/18

Louisville

Louisville Coalition for Workforce Diversity sponsors this event. Job Placement Specialists, Kelly Mooney, Gina Stephen, and Christa Martin, will be there to assist with set-up, registration and information regarding OVR.

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Bluegrass District: BCWD Meeting

10/5/18

Louisville

Christa Martin, OVR Job Placement Specialist, will attend the Bluegrass Coalition for Workforce Diversity's meeting launching National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Bowling Green District: Community Needs Assessment

10/9/18 10am

411 Happy Valley Road, Glasgow

This is a Community Partner Event. OVR Job Placement Specialist, Paula Brooks, will be in attendance with information on resources.

Bluegrass District: Scott County Job Fair

10/9/18

Georgetown

Job Placement Specialists, Christa Martin and Suzanne Isaacs, will have a resource table set-up at the Scott County Job Fair.

West Liberty/Ashland District: Transitioning into Tomorrow

10/9/18 10am to 1pm

Morehead

This transition/career fair will target several school districts in the local area. The focus will be on advocacy and work readiness skills.

Florence District: Disability Empowerment Event

10/9/18

Florence

Job Placement Specialist, Cheryl Martinez, will have a table at this annual conference. This event is designed to provide consumers with disabilities, their families, friends, and service providers with valuable information to assist with advocacy in various areas, better educational opportunities, training, employment, housing, transportation, and overall inclusion. This transition/career fair will target several school districts in the local area. The focus will be on advocacy and work readiness skills.

Elizabethtown District: NELCO Meeting

10/9/18 11:30am

Bardstown

Job Placement Specialist, Eva Feese, will attend the NELCO meeting. She will discuss job openings and training opportunities for consumers with Nelson County Employers.

Lexington District: Lexington Employer of the Year Award

10/10/18 9:30am

Lexington

Great American Cookies will be presented with the Lexington District Employer of the Year Award. Great American Cookies has been a wonderful PACE training site and has hired many of the clients who have come through our program. Three of the clients who have been sent through PACE have been promoted to supervisory/management positions.

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Bowling Green District: ReEntry Expo

10/10/18 10:30am

Warren County Kirby Branch Library, 175 Skillet Court, Bowling Green

This event will provide information for anyone that has been incarcerated. OVR Job Placement Specialist, Paula Brooks, will be in attendance with information about the OVR program and other resources as well.

Bluegrass District: NRA Conference

10/10/18 to 10/14/18

Oklahoma City, OK

During the National Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference, Job Placement Specialist Christa Martin will coordinate NRAJPD Pre-Conference and present one ethics session.

Elizabethtown District: Hardin County Chamber of Commerce

10/10/18

Elizabethtown

Job Placement Specialist, Kelly Mooney, will attend the Monthly Luncheon meeting.

Bowling Green District: Networking Neighbors

10/11/18 9am

Hero Center, 111 Bunche Ave, Glasgow

Sponsored by the Glasgow Housing Authority, this is the monthly Community Awareness Resource meeting. OVR Job Placement Specialist, Paula Brooks, will be in attendance with an overview of the services that OVR offers.

Bluegrass District: Farmer Veteran Coalition Conference

10/15/18

KSU Benson Research Farm, Frankfort

Job Placement Specialist, Amber Barnes, will have a resource table at the Farmer Veteran Coalition Conference.

Western District: ACS, EFMP and ERP Job and Resource Information Fair

10/16/18 9am to 12pm

Fort Campbell Army Base

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and Employment Readiness Program (ERP) will host a Job Fair for Individuals with Disabilities. Participating in this job fair will allow the attendee to network with other local companies and employers, interview eligible and capable candidates for a wide variety of positions, and promote and enhance their business. The focus is to bring qualified candidates together with local employers. For people with disabilities, the Job Fair will also include booths hosted by community partners who provide resources and services to individuals with disabilities and provide the opportunity to connect directly with potential employers as well as local vocational programs.

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Elizabethtown District: Provider Meeting

10/16/18

Shepherdsville

Job Placement Specialist, Kelly Mooney, will host a meeting with the OVR Shepherdsville counselors and the Supported Employment staff from Options Unlimited. They will discuss SE best practices and provide refreshments for appreciation for the services provided to OVR consumers.

Bluegrass District: KY APSE Conference

10/17/18 to 10/19/18

Lexington

At the Kentucky Association of People Supporting Employment First (KY APSE), Job Placement Specialist Christa Martin will be on-hand as the OVR Representative.

Florence District: Northern KY Chamber Women's Initiative Regional Summit

10/17/18

Florence

Job Placement Specialist, Cheryl Martinez, will be part of a panel discussion break out session for the Northern Kentucky Chamber Women's Initiative Regional Summit: The Benefits of Intentional Inclusion and Diversity in Running Your Workforce. This annual summit draws about 200 women throughout the tristate area.

Elizabethtown and Louisville Districts: Coalition for Workforce Diversity Meeting

10/18/18

Louisville

Monthly meeting of the Coalition for Workforce Diversity (Louisville) at the McDowell Center. At this monthly meeting, employers and service providers collaborate and create employment for people with disabilities. After the Coalition Meeting, there will also be a training opportunity offered to service providers. Sara Lockett will be making a presentation on the resources offered by the OFCCP- Office of Federal Contracts and Compliance Programs. The training will last until noon. It will be useful to employment specialists working in the field. There is no charge for this training.

Florence District: NKSHRM Diversity Meeting

10/18/18

Florence

Job Placement Specialist, Cheryl Martinez, will attend the NKSHRM Diversity Meeting as part of the planning committee. She will provide information about OVR – benefits to area businesses.

Elizabethtown District: Adair County High School Career Fair

10/18/18 10am

Columbia

Job Placement Specialist, Eva Feese, will have a resource table at the Adair County High School's Career Fair.

Bowling Green District: KY Career Center Staff Meeting

10/19/18 9am

Career Center, 445 North Green Street, Glasgow

The Career Center Staff will meet to collaborate efforts to service our consumers.

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Bluegrass District: Annual MRA Conference

10/23/18 to 10/25/18

St. Cloud, MN

Job Placement Specialist, Christa Martin, will present two ethics sessions at the Annual Minnesota Rehabilitation Association Conference.

Elizabethtown District: KY Career Center Staff Meeting

10/24/18

Elizabethtown KCC

Kentucky Career Center staff appreciation BBQ lunch for their work with assisting job seekers in finding employment.

Owensboro/Henderson District: Healthy on the Hill

10/24/18 12pm to 3pm

Henderson Community College

The focus is to provide individuals with information and resources to overcome possible barriers they may encounter (physical, mental, emotional and financial health...). Staff will meet with students and educators on Campus as well as individuals from the community. The event will be held in the Student Center with tables in Joe's Place.

Elizabethtown District: Provider Meeting

10/25/18

Elizabethtown KCC

Job Placement Specialist, Kelly Mooney, will host a meeting with the OVR counselors and the Supported Employment staff from Communicare in appreciation of their work in assisting consumers in finding employment.

Elizabethtown District: Adair County High School Career Fair

10/25/18

Columbia

Job Placement Specialist, Eva Feese, will be providing a Resume, Application, and Interview Workshop at the Adair County High School. This will be an all-day event

Bowling Green District: Audubon Family Services

10/26/18 12pm

356 Suwanne Trail Court, Bowling Green

OVR Job Placement Specialist, Paula Brooks, will be in attendance at the Audubon Family Services Case Manager's Staff Meeting. Ms. Brooks will give an overview of OVR and the services offered.

Paducah District: Pre-Ets Summit

10/26/18

Paducah

The Paducah staff and Jason Cole, Regional Program Manager, will be holding a Pre-Ets Summit on Friday October 26th. Career Center partners: WKY Educational Co-op Staff, KCTCS Job Coaches, and Easter Seal Pre-Ets Staff have been invited to come to the KY Career Center, take a tour, and discuss job services available to our local students. They will also be discussing coordination of services.

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Elizabethtown District: Career Carnival

10/31/18

Elizabethtown KCC

Kentucky Career Center staff and partners can participate in a Dessert Contest and Career Carnival in celebration of working together to assist job seekers.

District: UK Disability Mentoring Day

11/1/18

Lexington

Disability Mentoring Day is a large-scale national effort designed to promote career development for students and job seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration, on-site job shadowing, possible internships, and/or employment opportunities. OVR Job Placement Specialists: Christa Martin and Suzanne Isaacs will have a resource table.