



# A Guide to Programs and Services

763-324-2300 - [www.anokacounty.us/jtc](http://www.anokacounty.us/jtc)

## Career Lab

**Open to the Public 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday - Friday**

Employment services to assist people in returning to work as soon as possible. Visit [www.careerforcemn.com/blaine](http://www.careerforcemn.com/blaine) or call 763-324-2300.

**Career Lab is currently closed due to COVID.**

## Assistive Technology (When Career Lab is Open)

ZoomText Xtra, JAWS, Narrator, PocketTalker, Optelec ClearView.

## Classes and Workshops

We offer a variety of no-fee workshops and classes virtually.

For workshop calendar, descriptions and registration visit:

[www.careerforcemn.com/blaine](http://www.careerforcemn.com/blaine).

**Creative Job Search** presents the foundations for a successful job search, including interviewing, effective resume strategies, networking, and more.

**Interview workshops** provide strategies and tips to help job seekers interview with confidence.

**Resume writing classes** teach key points and strategies for writing a resume to help land the ideal job.

**Other workshops include:** Career Exploration Workshop, Taking Charge of Your Job Search, Job Search over 40, LinkedIn Getting Started, and Managing Personal Change.

## Search for Open Positions Online

[CareerForceMN.com](http://CareerForceMN.com)

Search thousands of open positions by topic and location. Explore and set career goals with online assessments and information about wages, demand, and educational requirements for a wide variety of occupations.

[MinnesotaWorks.net](http://MinnesotaWorks.net)

Post resumes on MinnesotaWorks.net to reach thousands of employers. Create up to five unique resumes to customize your career search. Search job openings from verified businesses with advanced job search tools. Receive email notifications of new jobs that match your search criteria.

## Empowers: Youth/Young Adult Services

Employment and Training services for youth and young adults, ages 14-24. Individualized services to explore careers, support training, and gain work experience through paid internships. To apply visit <https://anokacounty.us/jtcapply>. No computer or internet access? Call 763-324-2284.

## Dislocated Worker Program

Laid-off or permanently separated from employment? You may qualify to participate in one of our programs, which may provide job search assistance, short-term training, and/or support services tailored to each individual's specific needs. To apply visit <https://anokacounty.us/jtcapply>. No computer or internet access? Call 763-324-2284.

## Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Employment and training program for low income Anoka County residents 55 years or older. Provides part-time employment opportunities at community service worksites. To apply visit <https://anokacounty.us/jtcapply>. No computer or internet access? Call 763-324-2284.

## Diversionsary Work Program (DWP)

Families applying for cash benefits receive intense job search assistance, case management, and program support for four consecutive months in a 12-month period. 763-324-2285

## Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

Work-focused program that emphasizes economic stability for low-income families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). 763-324-2285



## Virtual Hiring Events Every Wednesday

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Visit <https://anokacounty.easyvirtualfair.com> to create a career profile and attend the events.

## Public Assistance Programs

### Cash Assistance, Medical Assistance or SNAP

- Intake and ongoing public assistance programs and child support services.
- Eligible applicants may receive healthcare through Medical Assistance or MNSure.
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is food support for low-income adults and families. Single able-bodied adults receive services and participate in work-related activities available through SNAP.

Services offered virtually. Call the **EZ Info Line** 763-422-7200

## Child Care Assistance

Federal and State childcare subsidy programs available to families participating in DWP or MFIP. Low-income families may be eligible for the Basic Sliding Fee program. Call 763-717-7711 to be screened.

## SNAP Employment & Training

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Program to assist SNAP recipients with job search assistance in order to gain employment. 763-324-2335

## Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

Federal tax credit for private-sector businesses, as an incentive for employers to hire workers in certain groups who consistently experience high rates of unemployment.

[www.mn.gov/deed/wotc](http://www.mn.gov/deed/wotc)

## Vocational Rehab Services (VRS)

Services for those with disabilities or barriers to employment. Provides a variety of services, such as helping career seekers prepare for work, giving employment information, and providing referrals and job search assistance. VRS also provides guidance and assistance to help keep your job. Schedule an appointment to learn more at 763-279-4350.

## Veteran Services

Current or former military members, no matter their era of service, receive priority services in all Minnesota CareerForce locations. Specially trained Veterans Employment Representatives assist eligible veterans who have significant barriers to employment. For more information visit: <http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/veteran-services/>

## State Services for the Blind (SSB)

Provides tools, training and technology to help people who are blind, visually impaired, DeafBlind or experiencing vision loss, to live independently, prepare for, find and keep a job.

<http://mn.gov/deed/ssb/jobseekers>

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Benefits provide temporary, partial wage replacement to workers whose hours have been greatly reduced, or who are unemployed through no fault of their own.

[www.uimn.org](http://www.uimn.org) or call 651-296-3644

## Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

A program for workers who lose their jobs or hours as a result of increased foreign trade activities. Workers may be eligible for training and re-employment services.

<http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/recently-unemployed/layoff/trade-adjustment-assistance.jsp>

## Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Educational opportunities for adults to acquire and improve their literacy skills, such as ESL classes, GED/Adult Diploma obtainment, and basic reading, writing, and math brush-up.

[www.metronorthabe.org](http://www.metronorthabe.org) or call 763-433-4200.

## Educational Opportunity Center (TRIO)

Onsite assistance with school and financial aid information. Call 612-659-6526 for an appointment.



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