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**CareerSource Pinellas Announces CARES Job Training and Placement Assistance  
for workers displaced by COVID-19**

CareerSource Pinellas today announced PinellasWorks, a slate of training programs for Pinellas residents who lost their jobs due to Covid-19. Those who experienced employment interruptions after March 1 may be eligible for on-the-job training opportunities, direct job placement, short-term occupational skills training certifications, and supportive services.

The PinellasWorks programs will be supported by \$2 million of CARES Act Funding, provided by Pinellas County, and will be administered and managed by CareerSource Pinellas.

Businesses that would like to participate in providing on-the-job training opportunities must have experienced economic impact due to the COVID-19 outbreak and have been in operation for at least one year. On-the-job training placement opportunities for businesses and residents will last a minimum of 30 days and must be completed by December 15, 2020. Jobs eligible for this program will meet Florida's minimum wage requirements, and the employee worksite location must be within Pinellas County.

PinellasWorks is a great opportunity to connect employers and job seekers who have been impacted by COVID-19. PinellasWorks offers 100 percent reimbursement of costs associated with training new employees and an opportunity for job seekers to learn new skills and get back to work.

To learn more about the PinellasWorks programs and apply to receive assistance with reemployment, please visit [www.careersourcepinellas.com/pinellasworks](http://www.careersourcepinellas.com/pinellasworks). There are limited opportunities, apply today!

Individuals with questions, can phone 727-524-4344 or email [pinellasworks@careersourcepinellas.com](mailto:pinellasworks@careersourcepinellas.com) or [click here to schedule a visit at a Career Center Location](#).

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### **Pinellas CARES Overview**

Pinellas County received \$170 million in federal CARES funding to address the community's most pressing needs related to COVID-19. The expanded Pinellas CARES business program is part of a larger series of programs funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Pinellas County Commission approved Pinellas CARES programs to support individuals, families and critical nonprofit services, and to bolster the local COVID-19 public health response. For a full program overview, visit <http://cares.pinellas.gov>

### **About CareerSource Pinellas**

CareerSource Pinellas strives to foster Pinellas County's economic development and delivers workforce solutions designed to meet the needs of businesses and job seekers. Driven by business demand and supported by strategic partnerships, they provide the most comprehensive workforce development services in a one-stop environment. CareerSource Pinellas has career centers conveniently located throughout Pinellas County in Tarpon Springs, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg. To learn more, visit [www.careersourcepinellas.org](http://www.careersourcepinellas.org).