

Community Engagement

Program Year 2023/2024

What We Do

Collaborate. Innovate. Lead.













From the Desk of Rusty Skinner, CEO



At CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion (CLM), we are dedicated to fostering economic growth and prosperity by building a robust workforce ecosystem that drives success for businesses and individuals alike.

Our steadfast devotion to our mission goes beyond traditional workforce development. Through strategic collaboration with civic and community leaders, economic development organizations, and education and public partners we strive to create a lasting impact on the lives of those who call our three-county area home.

In short, CareerSource CLM is deeply connected to the success of the communities we serve and understands that we all benefit by working together to leverage our resources, commitments, and compassion.

On the pages that follow, you'll discover some of the innovative and collaborative ways CareerSource CLM works to shape a brighter future for Citrus, Levy and Marion counties. And beyond.



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Pathway to Permanent Teacher Scholarships

Since 2023, we have provided scholarships for temporary teachers in Marion County Public Schools (MCPS) enabling them to enhance their skills and pursue further education in order to earn fulltime teacher certification.

Creating Connections Broadband Grant

This five-year grant obtained in late 2023 helps bridge the digital divide by offering those in rural areas the ability to earn industry standard certifications during fee-free, one-week bootcamps. Trainees help install and maintain high-speed internet and fiber optic networks in communities without universal broadband. CareerSource CLM manages the program for two other CareerSource regions as well as our own.



PLUS:

- Community Work Experience and Work Based Training
- SkillUp Citrus Levy Marion Metrix Learning
- Targeted Occupation Scholarships



Phoenix Rising YouthBuild

Since 2011, CareerSource CLM and our youth services provider Eckerd Connects Workforce Development, have helped empower older youth and young adults in need of a high school diploma. In addition to their diploma, they earn industry certifications and receive stipends, career counseling and support services while building homes for deserving families and developing employability skills.



In partnership with, among others, Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, City of Ocala, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, Marion County Sheriff's Office, College of Central Florida, and US Department of Labor Education and Training.

Youth Career Expos Citrus, Levy and Marion Counties

Through a variety of ways tailored to meet the needs of each school district, we facilitate career expos for middle- and high-school students in Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties. These expos have been held off-site as one-day events, at individual schools, and virtually. The expos create opportunities for youth to explore career options, connecting them with industry experts, and showcasing educational resources.





In **partnership** with Marion County Public Schools, Citrus County Schools, School Board of Levy County, Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Citrus County Education Foundation, Levy County Schools Foundation, College of Central Florida, Withlacoochee Technical College, Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Citrus County, Junior Achievement, and Mid-Florida Regional Manufacturers Association.

Youth Job Fairs Citrus, Levy and Marion Counties

Exclusively for 16-24 year-olds, these job fairs take place each spring in all three counties. The events are designed for high school and postsecondary students and recent graduates interested in landing their first job, gaining more experience or exploring a pathway to a new career. They get the chance to network with dozens of employers throughout the region offering full- and part-time permanent, temporary and summer jobs.



Talent Pipeline Videos

For more than a decade, CareerSource CLM has produced a library of videos highlighting area businesses' career opportunities as well as educational programs in each of the region's three school districts. The videos seek to inform students, their parents, and other members of the communities we serve as to available jobs, required skills, and training opportunities through public school career academies. The business videos are largely underwritten by CareerSource CLM in partnership with Digital Fury Video Productions. The education videos are powered by grants from the Duke Energy Foundation.







Specific services for college students and professionals

Talent Center in partnership with the College of Central Florida provides placement and recruitment resources for professional and highly skilled job seekers and employers searching for that talent.



Federal Bonding program assists with placement of Justice Involved and Reentry Candidates



Recovery Services supports individuals on the path to recovery from substance abuse, offering resources, On-the-Job Training, and employment opportunities.



Reentry Services provides weekly employability workshops and counseling to the women at Lowell Correctional Women's Reception Center.



Veterans Services for Candidates and Employers helps veteranfriendly businesses hire heroes and provides Priority of Service for veterans and their eligible spouses seeking employment at our centers. Plus, we hold an annual Paychecks for Patriots job fair.



Paychecks for Patriots offered in partnership with the Florida National Guard, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, and FloridaCommerce, formerly the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The local job fair is supported from year to year by a variety of partners, including Ocala's SunTran, Inverness-based BIVOUAC Veteran's News, and the Marion County Public Library System.

Candidate Focused Services

- Assistive Technology
- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA)
- Career Coaching and Job Referral
- Ticket-to-Work (vocational rehabilitation)
- Resume Review and Development
- Local Realtor Outreach for New Residents
- Youth Services
- Senior Services in partnership with the Urban League of St. Petersburg
- Interview Preparation
- Mobile Career Centers (and Disaster Relief for Hurricane Victims)







Business Focused Services

- Outplacement Services
- Job Description Development
- Hope Florida program
- Candidate Assessments
- Customized Hiring Events
- Upskilling and Training
- Live Business Showcases
- Celebration of Success Podcast
- Job and Event Promotions on CSCLM Social Media



Hurricane Idalia Dislocated Worker Grant

In addition to Phoenix Rising YouthBuild, the Reentry and Recovery programs, and Creating Connections Broadband Program, the Hurricane Idalia Dislocated Worker Grant helped the Cedar Key Clam Farm industry that was all but destroyed by the storm.



In addition to those already mentioned...

We leverage resources and expertise by collaborating with organizations throughout our region and by engaging with community initiatives to address local challenges and support holistic solutions. Here is a representative sample of those partnerships.

- Central Florida Community Action
- Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
- Citrus County Opioid Task Force
- Levy County Resource Fair
- Marion County Continuum of Care: resource and referral subcommittee
- Nature Coast Business Development
 Council
- Ocala Human Resources Management Association
- Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP)
- Tri-County Long-Term Recovery Group
- United Way's Strong Families
- SunTran
- Urban League of St. Petersburg
- Zero Hour Life Center







Volunteering Time

Our staff serve on myriad community boards and are involved in a variety of organizations on behalf of CareerSource CLM, including but not limited to:

- Chiefland Watermelon Festival
- Citrus County Cancer Foundation
- College of Central Florida Alumni
- Community Home Project
- Early Learning Coalition of Marion County
- Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast
- Family Resource Center
- Festival Latino
- Levy Disadvantaged Transportation Board
- Marion County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
- Marion County Children's Alliance
- Marion County Day
- MCPS Resource Fairs
- Mid-Florida Regional Manufacturers Association's Bowl-A-Thon Scholarship Fundraiser
- Nonprofit Business Council
- Pace Center for Girls of Marion County
- Seniors at Work
- Tri-County Job and Resource Fair
- United Way of Citrus County
- United Way of Marion County
- United Way of North Central Florida
- Veterans Resource Fair



















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Purpose Driven

Supporting charitable organizations, participating in community events, and initiating fund drives all help address critical needs and promote the region's health and welfare.

American Heart Association's Heart Walk Levy County Schools Foundation **Operation Welcome Home Another Way of Levy County Boys and Girls Club Public Education Foundation of Marion County Bronson Public Library Special Olympics of Marion County CASA of Citrus County School Supply Drives CitrusAID Cancer Foundation** The Rock **Citrus County Animal Rescue Citrus County Education Foundation United Way Campaigns Domestic Violence Center of Marion County Early Learning Coalition of Marion County Food Pantry Drives Florida Breast Cancer Foundation** Engaged **Florida Women's Reception Center** in our **Michelle-O-Gram** Jessie's Place and the Citrus County **Communities Children's Advocacy Center Kid's Central**





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Jeans Day with a Purpose

Each Friday, staff have the option of wearing jeans to work by making donations to charitable organizations chosen as beneficiaries from each of the three counties in our region. Here to *Help*





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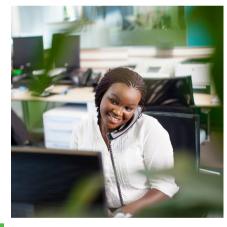
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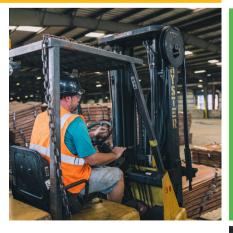


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