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CareerSource Center Closure –Virtual Appointments Only CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Fort Walton Beach Center Closure

Shalimar, Fla – CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Fort Walton Beach center has had an employee let us know that they have tested positive for COVID-19.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton is already taking measures to protect the rest of our staff and our community by moving all appointments to a virtual setting, closing the Fort Walton Beach Center, and reminding our staff about the importance of social distancing.

We are also cleaning and disinfecting in our center. Consistent with CDC guidelines, we are thoroughly cleaning all high touch surface areas.

“It is our hope that by closing our center, the risk to our staff and our community will be mitigated. We will continue to provide services virtually and over the phone, as we did previously, and our center in DeFuniak Springs will remain open for appointments only. Those staff members have been provided with personal protective equipment to ensure their continued safety,” Michele Burns, Executive Director of CareerSource Okaloosa Walton.

As a preventative measure, the staff had previously been divided into two teams that alternated weeks between the center and working virtually. This will enable the center to re-open with a new team of staff members as soon as the center is properly sanitized.

Virtual appointments can be scheduled by calling 850-833-7587 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or by emailing infofb@careersourceow.com. Appointments at the office in DeFuniak Springs can be scheduled by calling 850-520-5990 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Important updates and additional information will continue to be posted at www.careersourceokaloosawalton.com and on social media platforms.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the workforce needs of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Classified as one of Florida's 24 Local Workforce Development Boards and a member of the CareerSource Florida Network, we provide employment and training resources for area job seekers and employers.

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