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Limited Opening of CareerSource Center – Appointments Only
CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Reopening Monday

Shalimar, Fla – CareerSource Okaloosa Walton will begin systematically reopening its Fort Walton Beach Career Center on May 18th to serve those most impacted by COVID-19.

Virtual services will continue to be provided online, by phone and email.

Initially, the career center will be open by appointment only, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. More extensive career services will become available in accordance with the safety of the general public and staff.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton's Fort Walton Beach Career Center is located at 409 Racetrack Road NE.

Appointments will be for those needing help with Reemployment Assistance, Welfare Transition and/or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is more commonly known as Food Stamps.

Appointments will be limited and must be scheduled by calling 850-833-7587 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“We understand the urgent need to assist those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19,” said Michele Burns, Executive Director of CareerSource Okaloosa Walton. “We believe this controlled reopening of our center aligns with the roll-out of businesses opening back up in our communities. At the same time, we are extremely mindful of the need to maintain the strictest safety measures to protect our customers and staff.”

Toward that end, Burns said that all CareerSource Okaloosa Walton staff will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). All incoming customers will be required to wear face coverings such as a medical mask, scarf, bandana or improvised cloth face mask.

Staff will also thoroughly clean and sanitize work areas between each scheduled appointment in addition to the periodic sanitizing that will occur throughout the business day.

Customers arriving more than 10 minutes late for their scheduled appointment will be asked to wait for the next available opening or be rescheduled.

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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