

## NETWORK<sup>2</sup>WORK@PVCC

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

### It's been a while ... Hello from the Network2Work@PVCC team...

Whether you're old or new to our network, whether you're an employer, a connector, or a job-seeker -- we're excited to collaborate with you! Keep reading for updates on how far we have come since you've last heard from us.

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Over the summer, we moved from the Jefferson School City Center to 222 South Street. We are now closer to job-seekers and busier than ever! We welcome you to stop by and check out our new office.

### Our Location Isn't Our Only Recent Change...

**Connectors:** As you might already know, we originally started the program with a "peer-network." We have revamped this part of our organization, now calling these outstanding individuals "connectors." Why the change? We know there are hundreds of people in central Virginia who would like to connect their friends, family, and neighbors to jobs. This term more accurately reflects what this network is doing: **connecting** our community.

**Expanding:** Network2Work@PVCC will be expanding our services to Louisa County in Spring 2020. We are looking forward to working with employers and providers in aiding job-seekers in Louisa.

**Website:** We recently revamped our website. [Find us here](#) and stay up-to-date on the latest Network2Work@PVCC news.

**Welcome:** We welcome our latest trained connectors:

City of Charlottesville Department of Social Services  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Albemarle County Department of Social Services  
City of Charlottesville Downtown Job Center  
The Fountain Fund  
Georgia's Healing House  
City of Charlottesville Home to Hope

The people in these organizations make up some of the over 300 individuals we now have in our connector network. Connectors continue to be the backbone in the process of connecting job-seekers with Network2Work@PVCC -- we could not operate without you. If you are interested in coordinating a 45-minute connector training for your organization, please contact [Frank Squillace](#).

### **Network2Work@PVCC by the Numbers**

#### **Who are Our Job-Seekers?**

70% of our job-seekers are between the ages of 25-59.

32% of our job-seekers have unstable housing arrangements.

85% of our parenting job-seekers need assistance getting after-school care.

31% of our job-seekers do not have a valid driver's license.

37% of our job-seekers have committed a crime.

**100% of our job-seekers are resilient in their employment search.**

### **Where We Are Now**

In our region, 19% of families do not make enough money to cover the essentials. We strive to help these families become self-sufficient through identifying jobs that meet their needs and by preparing them to excel in these positions. Take a look at us now:

**Employers:** We now have **over 85 different employers** working with us, representing **over 110 jobs** spanning our four categories of construction & skilled trades, health care, hospitality & services, and transportation & logistics. Our jobs represent over \$9,000,000 in local, available wages. [Click here for more on our employers.](#)

**Providers:** We are connected with over 40 supporting partner organizations who provide different resources to our job-seekers. Services include training, healthcare, childcare, and literacy support. [Click here for more on our providers.](#)

**Connectors:** We have over 300 connectors supporting job-seekers

throughout the Network2Work@PVCC region. Our connectors undergo a 45-minute training and are committed to encouraging job-seekers in finding quality employment.

**Job-Seekers:** Since June of 2019 more than 250 job-seekers have been enrolled in Network2Work@PVCC. Below is a picture of our July 2019 Network2Work@PVCC Program Certificate graduates.



## A Big Thanks to YOU

**We are so fortunate to work with so many caring, passionate, and hard-working employers, connectors, providers and job-seekers in our program. This is what they say:**

"I don't know where I would be if I did not have the help you gave me." - **Job-seeker**

"We are so excited to be working with Network2Work@PVCC -- such an incredible program and we are just grateful to be a part of it." - **Employer**

"Their staff *care* about the people enrolled in their program" - **Provider**

"Network2Work is the best program for anyone to enter into. They not only provide you with information ... but they also provide you with plenty of support and encouragement and love ..." - **Connector**

## Meet the Team



**See you soon, Tori:** If you have ever been to our office, then you have probably been greeted by Tori Maxey when you walked in. Tori is currently on maternity leave. While we miss her smiling face, we are excited to welcome her eventual return and to meet the newest member of her family!! (Tori, pictured above).

**Welcome, Joanne Smith:** Joanne has admirably stepped in as our temporary Administrative Assistant while Tori is on maternity leave. Joanne's duties include "managing everything" that connects our community to Network2Work@PVCC (e-mails, phone calls, walk-ins, paperwork, data management, etc..). Joanne has an extensive background in administrative support positions and has become part of the Network2Work@PVCC family in less than a month. Thank you, Joanne!

**Welcome, Dawn Greco:** Dawn was recently hired as our part-time Career Coach. Dawn will focus on the multitude of "systems" that continue to expand within our program (loaner vehicles, data management, job-seeker tracking, etc...) that support the continued advancement of the careers of our job-seekers. Dawn has practiced as a lawyer and has volunteered extensively in our community. We are excited to have Dawn join our expanding team!

**Meet "Ms. Anne":** Anne Spanos has been volunteering with Network2Work@PVCC for seven months as the first "office" volunteer. As the number of "office" volunteers has slowly grown, Anne will now act as our Volunteer Coordinator, assigning volunteers to everything from assisting a job-seeker with an application to training to offering mock interviews. Thank you, Anne! (Anne, pictured below).



## **Network2Work@PVCC in the News**

If you want to learn more about us and what we do, check out some of these videos:

[This University of Virginia](#) video where Ridge Schuyler (Dean of Community Self-Sufficiency Programs), Frank Squillace (Director), and Victoria Maxey (Administrative Assistant) talk about Network2Work@PVCC and the

Charlottesville population.

[This Video](#), where some of our current connectors explain what being a connector means to them.

## Know anyone looking to join our community?



- **Know someone that would enjoy our newsletter? Spread the word. Please forward this email or share our newsletter registration.**
- **If you would like to join our network as an employer, provider, or connector, we would love to hear from you.**

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