

# Rapid Response

JOB SEEKERS GUIDE  
TO EMPLOYMENT



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# GET STARTED TODAY!

## LAID OFF WORKERS



Use your mobile phone camera to scan the QR code to join our dislocated worker mailing list and receive a series of emails over the coming weeks to guide you on your path to employment.

<https://bit.ly/dislocatedworkers>

## ALL OTHER JOB SEEKERS

Use your mobile phone camera to scan the QR code to sign up and receive emails on topics you select. You may change your preferences or unsubscribe anytime.



<https://bit.ly/CSEmailinglist>

### Dear Job Seeker,

Looking for a job can feel overwhelming, but CareerSource Escarosa is here to help you navigate your path to employment. Whether you're searching for your very first job, re-entering the workforce, or simply seeking a change, we're your local employment resource.

*If you've been laid off, we can also help you meet your re-employment (unemployment) assistance requirements and get back to work.*

**Prefer in-person assistance?** Visit one of our Career Centers:

#### Pensacola

6913 N 9th Avenue  
Pensacola, FL 32504

**850-607-8700**

M-F 8am-4pm

#### Milton

5725 Highway US-90  
Milton, FL 32583

**850-983-5325**

M-F 8am-4pm

#### Century

7995 N Century Blvd  
Century, FL 32535

**850-366-4164**

M-W 8am-3:30pm

***Our services are always free, and we have computers and other equipment available for your use at all our Career Centers. We're eager to assist you and wish you the very best in your job search and career development!***

***Sincerely,***

***The CareerSource Escarosa Team***

# EMPLOY FLORIDA REGISTRATION

Employ Florida is Florida's state job board where you can search and apply for jobs. Registration is required to receive CareerSource Escarosa services.

**To register or sign in, go to <https://www.employflorida.com>**

- At the top right side of the home page, click SIGN IN / REGISTER
- Choose Individual Registration to create a new user account or Sign In if you already have an account.
- Scroll down to read the entire Privacy Agreement, check the blue box indicating you read and understand, then click I Agree to continue.
- Fill in all required (\*) fields on all pages. Click Next to proceed to the next page.

**Note: Be sure to write down your username and password** — you will need them each time you log in to your Employ Florida account.

- Click the Finish button on the last page. When the “What would you like to do next?” page displays, your account is created, and you are signed in. Options on this page will vary depending on your site configuration.



# REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

## Top 10 things to know about Reemployment Assistance (RA) in Florida:

RA, more commonly known as “unemployment”, provides temporary financial help for qualified individuals who lost a job through no fault of their own. It is not an automatic right.

### To ensure accurate and quick payments:

**1. Report Accurate Unemployment Reason:**

Clearly state why you left your job to avoid fraud and receive proper assistance.

**2. Report All Wages Earned:**

Report gross wages for every week you work, even if not yet paid, to avoid fraud and prosecution.

**3. Register with Employ Florida:**

Use EF ([www.EmployFlorida.com](http://www.EmployFlorida.com)) for job referrals, resume building, and re-employment services.

**4. Be Available for Work:**

You must be able, available, and willing to accept suitable work. Report any limitations (e.g., school, childcare, transportation).

**5. Actively Search for Work:**

Search for work every week you claim benefits, or your benefits may be denied.

**6. Develop an Effective Work Search Plan:**

EF can help you plan your job search and find training.

**7. Avoid Errors:**

Read all provided information carefully to prevent overpayments and delays/denials of future benefits.

**8. Report Return to Work Immediately:**

Whether part-time or full-time, notify RA as soon as you start working and reduce or stop claiming benefits. To avoid serious consequences, don't wait for your first paycheck to notify your state's RA office.

**9. Follow Rules to Prevent Fraud:**

Understand and follow all state laws. Failure can lead to prosecution, penalties, loss of future benefits, and even jail time.

**10. Know Your Responsibilities and Ask for Help:**

You are legally responsible for understanding RA rules. If confused, contact your state RA office for assistance.

## For more information and to sign up

(after registering with Employ Florida), visit

<https://www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services/reemployment-assistance/claimants>

*Want help with your application?*

*Go to page 6 for information on CareerSource Escarosa workshops.*

# HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCES

**COBRA** offers temporary health coverage after certain life events like job loss, divorce, or a child losing dependent status. Employers can charge the full cost plus a 2% fee, which is often more expensive than active employee rates. COBRA applies to most private-sector employers

(20+ employees) and state/local governments, but not federal or church plans. Many states have "mini-COBRA" for smaller employers. COBRA covers medical care but not life insurance or disability benefits. Contact your employer's human resources department for more information.

## Alternative Coverage Options

Before electing COBRA, consider other options, which may be more affordable:

**Other Group Plans:** HIPAA allows you to enroll in another group plan (like a spouse's) within 30 days of losing job-based coverage, provided you had other coverage when you initially declined.

**Health Insurance Marketplace:** Losing job-based coverage qualifies you for a special enrollment period here. You can compare plans and may qualify for tax credits to lower premiums and other cost-sharing premium reductions. COBRA eligibility doesn't affect Marketplace eligibility or tax credits. You have 60 days before or after losing coverage to enroll. If you need immediate coverage, COBRA can bridge the gap until your Marketplace plan starts. Apply at <https://HealthCare.gov> or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Medicaid/CHIP:** The Marketplace can also help you determine if you qualify for free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). You can apply anytime, and coverage typically begins immediately.

**Florida Blue and Community Health:** CareerSource Escarosa can refer you to these programs through Crosswalk. Ask your career advisor about this as an option for you.

## Future Enrollment Opportunities

If you elect COBRA, you can still enroll in another plan later if you have a new qualifying event (e.g., marriage, birth, or exhausting your COBRA coverage). However, ending COBRA early without a new special enrollment opportunity generally means waiting until the next open enrollment period for other coverage.





# ABOUT CAREERSOURCE ESCAROSA

CareerSource Escarosa is a non-profit organization and the local workforce development board (LWDB) serving Florida's Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, providing no-cost employment and training resources to both job seekers and employers. With career centers in Century, Milton, and Pensacola, CareerSource Escarosa offers the following services to job seekers:

- Assistance with Reemployment Assistance claim filing
- Career Counseling & Resume Assistance
- Career Fairs & Hiring Events
- Employ Florida Marketplace Tutorials & Registration Assistance
- Federal Bonding Services
- Florida Ready to Work (Soft Skills, Digital Skills)
- Full-service Resource Room (access to computers, printers, fax machines, phones, etc.)
- Information on the impacts of layoffs on health coverage and other benefits
- Labor market information
- METRIX Learning Platform (over 7,000 free courses available)
- Referrals to community programs
- Registered Apprenticeships
- Resumé preparation, job-readiness, and computer software workshops
- Specialized Training and/or Education Grants for in-demand Occupations (for eligible persons)
- Testing & Skill Assessments
- Veteran Services

## **BENEFITS OF APPLYING TO MULTIPLE PROGRAMS**

Applying to multiple workforce programs like SNAP Employment & Training (E&T), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and Registered Apprenticeships offers diverse benefits to job seekers. These programs can provide essential support such as food assistance, funding for training and education, and paid on-the-job experience, significantly improving employability and leading to higher-wage careers.

Visit <https://careersourceescarosa.com> for more information.



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Job seekers are required to have an active Employ Florida account and must register in advance to participate in workshops.**

**Please call 850-607-8700 to reserve a seat.** Note that the schedule may change due to holiday closures, instructor time off, and other factors.

Workshop Title	Pensacola	Milton
Resume & Application	<b>Mon</b> 9:00-10:30 am <b>Wed</b> 9:00-10:30 & 1:30-3:00	<b>Tues</b> 9:00-10:30 am
Interviewing Like a S.T.A.R.	<b>Thurs</b> 9:00-10:30 am	
J's Reemployment (aka "Unemployment")	<b>Mon</b> 1:30-3:00 pm <b>Thurs</b> 9:00-10:30 & 1:30-3:00	
Computer Skills	<b>Thurs</b> 1:30-3:00 pm	<b>Tues</b> 1:30-3:00 pm
Florida Ready to Work	<b>Mon</b> 1:30-3:00 pm	
Individual Assistance	<b>Fri</b> 9:00-10:30 & 1:30-3:00	





# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## Resume & Application

**Target Audience:** Job seekers who need assistance developing a resume and completing an employment application.

**Participants will be able to:**

- Understand why a complete, correct application is essential to be competitive in the job market.
- Complete, edit, and update an employment application in Employ Florida.
- Define and explain the difference between behavioral and technical skills as they apply to job descriptions.
- Know how to search job descriptions in O\*Net Code Connector online and match “tasks/work activities” to behavioral and technical skills to be used on a resume.
- Complete a resume.
- Register for the METRIX learning platform (optional).

## Interviewing Like a S.T.A.R.

**Target Audience:** Job seekers who need assistance with preparing for an interview.

**Participants will be able to:**

- Learn the STAR behavioral interviewing method.
- Create and develop a STAR interview response in writing.
- Identify specific skills in a job description to prepare for an interview.
- Learn how to generate potential interview questions.
- Practice interviewing questions individually and/or with a group.

**Additional Prerequisites:**

- Successful completion of Resume & Application Workshop

## J’s Reemployment

**Target Audience:** Job seekers who need assistance with applying for reemployment (aka unemployment) assistance.

**Participants will be able to:**

- Identify criteria to be eligible for reemployment assistance.
- Understand the requirements to apply online for re-employment assistance.
- Understand the requirements and process to receive bi-weekly benefits.
- Set up and/or Log into EmployFlorida account.
- Set up and/or Log into Floridajobs.org account.
- Set up and/or Log into ID.ME account.
- Understand how EmployFlorida, FloridaJobs.org, and ID.me communicate with each other.
- Resolve error messages and/or learn how to submit a ticket for assistance.



# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS...Continued

## Computer Skills

**Target Audience:** Job seekers who need to learn basic computer skills.

**Participants will be able to:**

- Demonstrate how to turn on and shut down a computer properly.
- Demonstrate basic ability to use a mouse and click on a desktop icon.
- Understand basic keyboard functions and home row keys.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of computer hardware and software.
- Create an account in METRIX (<https://careersourceescarosa.metrixlearning.com>).
- Access and practice keyboarding (<https://www.learntyping.org>).
- Create and save a Word document.
- Identify in Employ Florida how to

## Florida Ready to Work (FRTW)

**Target Audience:** Job seekers who are interested in reviewing their academic skills and obtaining credentials in digital and soft skills to be more competitive in the job market.

**Participants will be able to:**

- Locate the FRTW link on the CareerSource Escarosa website.
- Log into FRTW site (<https://www.floridareadytowork.com>) as a participant and save progress.
- Understand the options for testing in FRTW: academic skills, digital skills, and soft skills.



# JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

## EMPLOY FLORIDA

Employ Florida is the state of Florida's official online resource for job listings, career building assistance, and training opportunities. Job seekers can create a profile and resume, then utilize the platform's search features to find and apply for jobs and even set up automatic job alerts.

<https://employflorida.com>

### ***A note about Employ Florida's internal vs external job postings:***

When browsing job listings on Employ Florida, you might notice some postings labeled as "Preferred Employer." These employers collaborate directly with CareerSource Escarosa staff to advertise their positions. If a job listing does not have the "Preferred Employer" label, it is considered an "External" posting, imported from another job board. For these external jobs, we advise job seekers to visit the employer's career page to ensure the positions are still open and available before applying.



## LOCAL EMPLOYER CAREER PAGES

Employers do not always post on Employ Florida. To help with your job search, we've assembled a list of local employers, organized by industry, with links to their career pages. You may view this list by clicking the link or scanning the QR code above using your mobile phone camera.

<https://bit.ly/escarosaemployers>



## LINKEDIN & INDEED

**LinkedIn** is a professional networking platform where individuals can connect with colleagues, industry peers, and potential employers. Job seekers can leverage LinkedIn by creating a comprehensive profile showcasing their skills and experience and then using the platform's robust job search filters to find and apply for relevant opportunities.

<https://linkedin.com>

**Indeed** is a global job search engine where job seekers can upload their resumes and search for postings using keywords and location filters. They can apply directly through the platform or be redirected to the employer's site and set up job alerts for new openings.

<https://indeed.com>

## USA JOBS

**USAJOBS** is the official website for finding and applying for jobs within the U.S. Federal Government. Job seekers can create a profile, upload resumes, and search for federal opportunities by keywords, location, and agency, then apply directly through the platform, often tailoring their application to meet specific government resume requirements.

<https://usajobs.gov>

## STAFFING AGENCIES

Job seekers may partner with a staffing agency by providing their resume and skills, allowing the agency to match them with suitable temporary, contract, or direct-hire positions that may not be publicly advertised. The agency then facilitates interviews, offers career guidance, and sometimes assists with salary negotiation and onboarding, streamlining the job search process for the candidate at no cost to them. Links to local staffing agency websites may be found at <https://bit.ly/escarosaemployers>.

# JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

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## NETWORKING

Networking is crucial in a job search as it can uncover hidden job opportunities and provide valuable insights into industries and companies that may not be publicly advertised. Building professional relationships allows job seekers to gain referrals, advice, and support, significantly increasing their chances of securing a desirable position.

**Expand your professional network by attending free local events available through these organizations and platforms:**

- Chambers of Commerce (Century, Gulf Breeze, Gulf Coast Minority, Navarre, Pace, Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, Santa Rosa County)
- CivicCon <https://civiccon.squarespace.com>
- Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events>
- Kiwanis <https://www.kiwanis.org>
- Meetup <https://meetup.com>
- Pensacola Young Professionals <https://www.pensacolayp.com>
- Rotary <https://www.rotary.org/en>





# TRAINING RESOURCES

## WIOA Dislocated Worker Training Grants

**WIOA Dislocated Worker training grants** provide financial assistance to individuals who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, such as due to company closures or mass layoffs. These grants help eligible workers gain new skills and certifications in in-demand occupations to re-enter the workforce quickly. Eligible training typically includes occupational skills training, on-the-job training, and adult education programs that lead to sustainable employment.

Contact CareerSource Escarosa at **850-607-8700** or **[info@careersourceescarosa.com](mailto:info@careersourceescarosa.com)** to find out more.

## METRIX Learning

Courtesy of CareerSource Escarosa, **METRIX Learning** is free to residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, and offers 7,000+ leadership, business, and technology courses, including 900+ manufacturing and skilled trades courses, and 1,000+ skills assessments to screen candidates. Training tracks for more than 100 industry certifications are included where a trainee may take all the necessary preparation courses for free, then pay only for the certification exam.

Sign up at  
**<https://careersourceescarosa.metrixlearning.com>**

## Florida Ready to Work

**Florida Ready to Work** provides job seekers with a valuable credential, signed by the Governor, demonstrating their proficiency in essential workplace skills like math, reading, data analysis, and soft skills. This certification makes them stand out to employers and indicates they possess the foundational abilities needed to succeed in various industries, potentially leading to faster employment and higher-wage opportunities.

Contact CareerSource Escarosa at **850-607-8700** or **[info@careersourceescarosa.com](mailto:info@careersourceescarosa.com)** to find out more.

## MOOCs

**Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** are an excellent way for job seekers to acquire new skills or brush up on existing ones, making them more competitive in the job market. These online courses, often from top universities and companies, provide flexible and often free learning opportunities across a vast range of subjects. Platforms like Coursera, edX, and Khan Academy offer numerous free courses in areas such as data science, programming, business, and even professional development, allowing individuals to earn certificates or badges that can be added to their resumes and LinkedIn profiles.

**<https://coursera.org>**

**<https://edx.org>**

**<https://khanacademy.org>**

## HOPE Florida

Like the WIOA Dislocated Worker program, **HOPE Florida** offers funding for training to qualified individuals. Contact a CareerSource Escarosa Career Advisor or HOPE Navigator for more information.



# TRAINING RESOURCES

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## Other Training Resources

Here are some additional Training resources:

**Pell Grants:** Federal grants for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. These do not need to be repaid. To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Visit <https://studentaid.gov> for more information and to apply.

**Work-Study Programs:** Part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, helping them earn money for educational expenses. Completing a FAFSA form is required for consideration for the federal work-study program.

Visit <https://studentaid.gov> for more information and to apply.

**GI Bill:** Provides education benefits to veterans, service members, and their families, covering tuition, housing, and other educational expenses. Different versions exist, such as the post-9/11 GI Bill, which offers comprehensive benefits.

Contact CareerSource Escarosa at **850-607-8700** or [info@careersourceescarosa.com](mailto:info@careersourceescarosa.com) and ask for the Veterans Team.

**Private Scholarships:** Funds awarded by private organizations, foundations, companies, and individuals, often based on academic achievement, community service, or specific talents.

Websites like <https://fastweb.com> and <https://scholarships.com> can help you find relevant scholarships.





# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## **CAREERSOURCE ESCAROSA COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Here are some organizations that partner directly with CareerSource Escarosa to offer job seekers comprehensive emergency support services:

### **Community Action Program Committee, Inc.**

This organization provides emergency assistance for food, utilities, and rent. They also offer help with training, resume building, and job placement.

### **Department of Children & Families**

The Department of Children & Families assists with applications for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (TANF), and Medicaid.

### **Escambia and Santa Rosa County Early Learning Coalitions**

These coalitions provide financial support for parents, including childcare assistance.

### **Florida Dept of Education Division of Blind Services**

The Florida Department of Education Division of Blind Services provides comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services, including training, job placement, and adaptive technology, to help blind and visually impaired individuals achieve and maintain gainful employment.

## **HOPE Florida**

HOPE Florida connects Floridians in need with community-based support and resources, utilizing "Hope Navigators" to guide individuals toward self-sufficiency through personalized plans and referrals to various social services, including those for seniors, veterans, single parents, and individuals with unique abilities.

## **National Caucus and Center on Black Aged**

The National Caucus and Center on Black Aged helps low-income individuals aged 55 and older find stable employment through training and job placement services, primarily via their Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program.

## **Tri County Community Council**

The Tri-County Community Council provides a wide range of social services to low-income communities, including transportation, Head Start programs, emergency food and shelter, utility assistance, and other supportive services aimed at fostering self-sufficiency.

## **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Disabled individuals can receive specialized job placement and career services through Vocational Rehabilitation.

## ESCAMBIA CHILDREN'S TRUST FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

The Escambia Children's Trust has assembled a comprehensive, A-to-Z directory of community resources designed to support children and families in Escambia County, Florida. It compiles information and links to various organizations offering a wide range of services, including child development, crisis intervention, mental health, substance abuse support, educational resources, and includes resources relevant to single-person households. A link to the guide may be found at <https://escambiachildrenstrust.org>.

## UNITED WAY STREET SURVIVAL GUIDE

The United Way Street Survival Guide, available as a downloadable PDF or flipbook, serves as a comprehensive resource for individuals in need within the community. It aims to connect people with vital services and support to help them navigate challenging circumstances.

<https://www.uwwf.org/ssg>





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

## **Q: Where do I sign up for reemployment (unemployment) assistance?**

**A:** You may apply directly through the Florida Commerce website or come into any of three CareerSource Escarosa locations for assistance with your application:

**<https://www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services/reemployment-assistance/claimants>**

## **Q: What jobs might I be interested in?**

**A:** Discover your career interests with the O\*NET Interest **Profiler**: **<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>**

## **Q: Where can I find jobs that match my interests and skills?**

**A:**

- For jobs in Florida, particularly Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, we recommend **<https://employflorida.com>**.
- You can also search for jobs using keywords (e.g., "sales associate," "technician," "engineer," "manager") on popular platforms like Indeed.com or LinkedIn.com.
- If you have a specific company in mind, visit their official career page directly.
- Sign up for our weekly "HOT JOBS" emails and more at **<https://bit.ly/CSEmailinglist>** to stay updated on new opportunities!

## **Q: I don't have a recent resume. Can I get help?**

**A:** Yes! CareerSource Escarosa offers in-person workshops covering resume writing, job application strategies, interviewing skills, and more. Please see our workshop schedule in this document for registration information.

## **Q: What skills, training, or education do I need for these jobs, and how much do they pay?**

**A:**

- Use the Occupation Keyword Search at **<https://www.onetonline.org>** to research specific roles.
- For detailed wage information by occupation and area in Florida, explore Florida Insight:

**[https://www.floridajobs.org/economic-data/occupational-employment-statistics-\(oes\)/occupation-wage-industry-by-area](https://www.floridajobs.org/economic-data/occupational-employment-statistics-(oes)/occupation-wage-industry-by-area)**.

***Remember that pay varies based on your experience level and the local cost of living.***



**Q: Where can I find money to pay for training and education?**

**A:** There are many free programs and funding sources available to help with educational and training expenses that can assist with attending college, learning a skilled trade, or pursuing self-paced learning. Contact the CareerSource Career Center nearest you for more information. Your school's financial aid office can also provide detailed information and application assistance.

**Here are some common resources:**

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- **Private Scholarships:** Funds awarded by private organizations, foundations, companies, and individuals, often based on academic achievement, community service, or specific talents. Websites like <https://fastweb.com> and <https://scholarships.com> can help you find relevant scholarships.

**Q: Are there free training resources available for me to learn at my own pace and schedule?**

**A:** Yes! As a courtesy from CareerSource Escarosa, METRIX Learning is free for residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. It offers:

- Over 7,000 courses in leadership, business, and technology.
  - More than 900 courses in manufacturing and skilled trades.
  - Over 1,000 skills assessments to help screen candidates.
- View the full catalog and sign up for 6 months of free learning at:

**<https://careersourceescarosa.metrixlearning.com/sd/index.sd.cfm>**

**Q: Are there other community resources available to assist me and my family?**

**A:** Yes! The Escambia Children's Trust has assembled a comprehensive Family Resource Guide, which can be found on their website here: **<https://escambiachildrenstrust.org>**.

***Another great resource is the United Way Street Survival Guide, which can be found here: <https://www.uwwf.org/ssg>***

## ABOUT RAPID RESPONSE

### Local Program

Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) like CareerSource Escarosa provide Rapid Response services when employers submit layoff and business closing notices under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act or when there is an announcement or notification of a permanent closure (regardless of the number of affected employees), a mass layoff (affecting 50 or more workers), a mass job dislocation resulting from a natural or other disaster, or when a Trade Adjustment Assistance petition has been filed.

### State Program

Florida Commerce's State Rapid Response Program serves as Florida's Dislocated Worker Coordination Unit, as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

### Florida Commerce Mobile Unit

In support of Rapid Response activities, FloridaCommerce has a Mobile Career Center that can be deployed across the state to respond to layoffs and participate in job fairs upon request by CareerSource Escarosa. The Mobile Career Center offers a full array of employment, reemployment and employer services. Internet access is available for filing reemployment assistance claims, searching Employ Florida, and other job boards.







## ABOUT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

### Program Overview

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program is a federal initiative designed to help U.S. workers who've lost their jobs, or are at risk of losing them, due to foreign trade. It equips these workers with the skills and support needed for reemployment.

To qualify for TAA, a group of impacted workers (or their representative) must petition the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). The USDOL then investigates to confirm that increased foreign trade caused job losses or reductions in hours/wages.

### Services Provided

Once the USDOL certifies a petition, eligible workers can access a range of TAA benefits, including:

- **Training:** To acquire new skills.
- **Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA):**  
Weekly payments while seeking work and approved training.
- **Job Search and Relocation Allowances:**  
Financial assistance for finding and moving to new employment.
- **Health Coverage Tax Credits (HCTC):**  
Help with healthcare costs.
- **Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA):**  
Wage supplements for workers aged 50 and older.

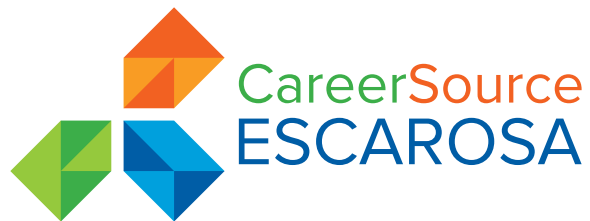
Eligible workers can also access general career services like counseling, testing, and job referrals. Workers who are still employed but notified of future layoffs can even receive pre-separation training.

**Note:** As of June 30, 2022, the TAA program no longer accepts new petitions. However, individuals covered under previously approved petitions remain eligible for services.









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**850-366-4164**

M-W 8am-3:30pm



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