

CALCASIEU WORKFORCE CENTER
YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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## MOBILE APPS LET YOU JOB HUNT ON THE GO

As smartphones and tablets become more integrated into our lives, job-search websites are following suit and offering mobile friendly options. There are a few points to remember to keep your job search productive.

#### TAKE YOUR TIME

When using mobile devices in your search, pay extra attention to the application process. Smaller screens and a tendency to multitask with mobile devices make it more likely that you'll make a mistake.

#### PERSONALIZE YOUR MATERIALS

The ease of applying to jobs on the go shouldn't stop you from customizing your resume on a job by-job basis. Some mobile-friendly job sites allow you to save multiple resumes that you can choose from and use during the application process.

#### RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

Remember that you're still contacting potential employers. Only apply for jobs that you're qualified for and you would seriously consider accepting.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOBILE RESOURCES

While job searching with mobile devices is convenient, if the sites you're using aren't mobile optimized, it takes the ease out of applying on the go. So you'll want to seek the sites that are set up to accommodate smaller screens. If you use your smartphone to visit job-search sites like *mobile. Careerbuilder.com*, you can do the usual searching for jobs and submitting of applications, but you can also take advantage of your phone's GPS that uses your location to search for jobs around you.

Similarly, tablet users have a world of technology at their fingertips, and the job-search process is finally catching up. Tablet-friendly job sites also often use technology to personalize the experience, helping you match what's important to you in a job with the company that can provide it.

Take advantage of tools and resources that can help you search for a job no matter where you are or what device you use. Your job search can be flexible enough to go along with all your plans and still help you meet your career goals.

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#### **Upcoming Community**

#### **Shrine Circus**

10/5/2013 thru 10/6/2013 SATURDAY: 10am, 2, & 6pm; SUNDAY: 2 & 6pm Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Free

#### Southwest Hiring Event

10/9/2013 9 a.m.—Noon Business & Career Solutions Center, 2424 3rd St. Lake Charles, LA 70601

#### Vinton Heritage Festival

10/12/2013 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Downtown Vinton 1300 Horridge St, Vinton, LA 70668 Free

#### Cal Cam Fair

10/16/2013 - Recurring daily Wed. Gates open at 4 p.m., Thurs & Fri. 5 p.m. - midnight, Sat. 10 a.m. - midnight, Sun. 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Cal-Cam Fairgrounds, Sulphur 923 Lewis St, Sulphur, LA 70663 \$2 adults, 13 an under free

#### Youth Leadership Seminar

Topic - TBA 10/25/2013 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Business & Career Solutions Center 2424 3rd St., Lake Charles, LA 70601 Calcasieu Workforce Center

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# Participant of the Month

This month CWC is highlighting Mr. Aaron Perkins, Jr. as "participant of the month". Aaron has made great progress during his brief enrollment in the CWC Youth Program.

When Aaron was initially enrolled in the CWC Youth Program he was a 20 year old youth with multiple barriers to employment and no career goal. Aaron's dream was to play professional football, but when his opportunities for football diminished, he became distraught.

Because, Aaron never worked he was placed in the WIA Work Experience and successfully completed. He worked as a Youth Worker Counselor for the Summer Feeding Program at Jennings Elementary, located in Jeff Davis Parish.



In an effort to address some of the barriers that Aaron has, he also receives Leadership Development and Mentoring. As a part of Leadership Development, Aaron attended the "*Plan Your Future Luau*" where representatives from the local university, community college, and trade school were in attendance. At the Luau, Aaron was able to speak to each representative one-on-one and receive information about each school.

He was also administered the SAGE to help him with his career exploration and discovered he can do more than play football. Aaron has discovered that his second highest vocational interest was Mechanical. Aaron has recently enrolled in Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Pipefitting program. According to his assessment results he has the aptitude to successfully complete pipefitting training and work in this field. Aaron is on his way to becoming another CWC shinning star. Keep up the good work , we are so very proud of you.

### YOUTH GETTING INVOLVED





The Calcasieu Workforce Center, Youth Department would like to extend their thanks to all the participants that attended the "Resume Building", Leadership Seminar. Leadership seminars are held once a month and open to the public.

#### YOUR PASSPORT TO WORK!



