



IT'S NOT ABOUT DISABILITIES. IT'S ABOUT POSSIBILITIES.

## Employment & Training Events in CT & RI

[April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020](#)

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program is welcoming applications, must be tribally enrolled Native American/American Indians living with a disability in CT or RI in need of employment services, apply online at [www.tribalvr.org](http://www.tribalvr.org) or call/leave message at (860) 396-2281

Normally, we would refer to the Department of Labor funded programs and Workforce Investment Boards for employment and training events however due to the executive order: "Stay Safe Stay Home" in CT and the "Stay at Home" declaration in RI, the American Job Centers and NetworkRI Job Centers are *closed to the public* through parts of or all of April. Staff can still be reached and are working virtually. Please call directly and if nobody answers, leave a message. Refer to their websites for timeline history and anticipated dates of re-opening or advisement:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

<https://health.ri.gov/covid/>

**SBA's Paycheck Protection Program** for Small Businesses Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic: Visit [www.SBA.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.SBA.gov/Coronavirus) for additional resources about protecting your business, employees and customers.

**For Unemployment Insurance** by the Department of Labor and American Job Center website: via Careeronestop: <https://www.careeronestop.org/WorkerReEmployment/Toolkit/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx?location=CT&persist=>

**Local United Ways are making COVID19 Response Funds available,**  
<https://www.unitedway.org/recovery/covid19/luw-responses>

\*\*\*\*CT Online Resources and News\*\*\*\*

**The Women's Business Development Council** is offering entrepreneurs and small business owners "WBDC Group Support, via Zoom calls: Mon. mornings (10:00am-12:00pm) and Wed. evenings (7:00-9:00pm).  
<https://ctwbdc.org/>

**SOUTHEASTERN CT SCORE Small Business Webinar: Coronavirus and Your Small Business- Live Q&A with SCORE Mentors**, Thur., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, <https://sect.score.org/>

**SOUTHEASTERN CT SCORE Small Business Webinar: "Grow with Google Webinar - Reach Customers Online with Google - Score - Southeastern CT and GNACC"**, Fri., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am, <https://sect.score.org/>

\*\*\*\*RI Online Resources and News\*\*\*\*

NetworkRI Center Phone Numbers:

Providence: (401) 462-8900

West Warwick: (401) 462-4100

Woonsocket: (401) 235-1201

Wakefield: (401) 782-4362

## RI Online Resources and News Continued:

**Merrill Virtual Career Event, Tue.,** Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:-7:00pm, <https://bit.ly/MerrillCareers>

**Job Postings Link by The Workplace NetworkRI, Greater RI:** "Offsite Information: Please see detailed job descriptions or flyers on the Google Drive! Job Postings"

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RisYbjRF3Zw0JxEub7RjEmCllxzy0fiM>

Taylor Farms is hiring for Line Operatives for weekend shifts. Must have basic English skills, written and verbal. Full-time, 10-hour workdays on Friday through Monday with various starting times between 6:30am and Noon. Apply in person at Taylor Farms, 320 Commerce Park Road, North Kingstown, RI.

West Bay RI is hiring for Direct Support Professionals for home care. Must have high school diploma or GED, valid driver's license with good driving record and clean BCI. All shifts available, full and part time. Visit [www.westbayri.org](http://www.westbayri.org) to apply or call 401-739-9300 for more information.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Mexican American Artist **SELENA** (Selena Quintanilla-Pérez) has maternal Cherokee ancestry?!

"Selena Day" is celebrated in TX on April 12<sup>th</sup> founded by then Governor George W. Bush

<https://selena.fandom.com/wiki/Selena>

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## TRIBAL COMMUNITY EVENTS / NEWS

**The MPTN Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program will be hosting a virtual Talking Circle soon!**

**The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe** posted a message on their website in response to the recent communication to disestablish their reservation and is seeking support. FMI: <https://mashpeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/>

**The Native Wellness Institute: "Native Wellness Power Hour at Noon Pacific Time,** In this changing time in our world, NWI is responding in a positive, productive and proactive way. Every day, 7 days a week for the next several weeks, we will offer our Native Wellness Power Hour at Noon Pacific Time. Storytelling, workshops, teachings and more! Our goal is to keep healing and wellness at the forefront for individuals, families and communities as we move through this pandemic in a good way. Please tune in each day at Noon Pacific Time on our Native Wellness Institute [Facebook page](#), we'll go Live. Each week we will have a new flyer announcing the next line up. If you do not have Facebook the videos will be available on the homepage of our website [www.nativewellness.com](http://www.nativewellness.com) (scroll to the bottom of the page for the videos). The videos will also be available on our [YouTube channel](#)."

**The US Census Bureau: "Tribal Listening Sessions, Thur., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:00pm EST,** The U.S. Census Bureau is hosting listening sessions with federally recognized tribes across the country. This webinar is part of the Census Bureau's ongoing efforts to improve and maintain a government-to-government relationship with tribes. These listening sessions are to continue our ongoing communication with tribes, with an update on 2020 Decennial Operations, the 2020 Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS) and the geographic hierarchy of DAS. The DAS is a new, advanced, and far more powerful confidentiality protection system than previously used that employs a rigorous mathematical process to protect respondents' information and identity. This national webinar will provide a forum for tribes to learn more about the transition to the DAS to protect information provided by respondents on the 2020 Census, and the geographic hierarchy of DAS. URL to participate in webinar:

<https://census.webex.com/census/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5ab37d08bdf17997213f8782835a483f> Dial-in Information to join the audio conference portion of the webinar: **1-877-918-3014 | Passcode: 3751700**

If you have any questions prior to the webinar, please contact Dee Alexander at (301) 763-9335, or [ocia.tao@census.gov](mailto:ocia.tao@census.gov).

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