

# Lexington Workforce Resource Center

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

*Work Session*

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## Why?

- ❑ To create an accessible location that provides a one-stop shop for our residents to gain access to our Workforce Partners who provide job training and job placement opportunities.
- ❑ Goal is to make training opportunities accessible and available at the neighborhood level.
- ❑ To address Workforce Development Recommendations made in the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equality Report (Racial Equity Committee, Recommendation #3, Establish a Job Training & Community Center, Economic Opportunity Committee, Recommendation #6, Create / enhance programs in the community to meet the demand of skilled tradespeople)

## Where?

- ❑ Workforce training room is located at Charles Young Center, 540 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- ❑ Facility is owned by the city and managed by the Department for Social Services.

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## Who?

- Workforce Programming will be provided by eight (8) Workforce Partners in Lexington who have agreed to provide in-person job placement and job training opportunities to our residents living in and around Charles Young Center.
- Program will have the flexibility to expand if additional partners express and interest to participate.
- United Way of the Bluegrass will be also be a partner by providing a full-time person at Charles Young Center to provide social service referrals to those who come to the building for job placement opportunities.
- Services for residents are FREE!

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### What?

- ❑ A website has been created for this program: [www.lexingtonky.gov/lexwork](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/lexwork).
- ❑ An email ([work@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:work@lexingtonky.gov)) and phone line (859-258-WORK) are being created for questions related to the program.
- ❑ A monthly schedule of Workforce Partners providing services will be posted on the website and will be posted at Charles Young Center and other locations.
- ❑ Residents can register for an appointment on the website or walk-in to Charles Young Center.
- ❑ Typical hours of operation will be Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. We have one Workforce Partner who will be available one Friday a month. Some times slots are not available but can be filled by Workforce Partners, based on public demand.

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### What?

- Memo of Agreements with Workforce Partners are being signed by workforce partners.
  
- Workforce Partners will be asked to report monthly numbers of residents who come to Charles Young Center for workforce programming.
  
- This program is a 6-month Pilot Project.

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### When?

- Mark Your Calendars!!** Kick-Off Event and Program Start Date will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Charles Young Center.
  
- Flyers for Kick-Off Event and Program Information will be distributed soon.

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## *Next Steps & Budget*

### **Next steps:**

- Job Fair in gymnasium in Fall 2021
- Employer engagement at Charles Young Center
- Evaluation of program
- Possible expansion of model to other city-owned facilities

### **Budget:**

- 6-month Budget = **\$16,000**
  - Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Needs
  - Job Readiness Supports (when job offer is made)



To Our  
Partners,  
THANK YOU!



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Questions?