Region 3: West Alabama
A proud past - A progressive future

Workforce Development Resource Guide
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Alabama Region 3 Workforce Development Council Information
(West Alabama)

Mission: The mission of the West Alabama regional workforce development council is to promote the economic prosperity of our region through a well-managed, coordinated and integrated quality support service for employers and job seekers at all levels.

Purpose: To establish, implement and sustain a comprehensive, integrated workforce delivery system that expands economic development and workforce capacity in West Alabama.

Goals/Objectives:

- Provide efficient, full-time management of all sources and resources available for workforce development for the Tuscaloosa County-West Alabama region.
- Provide a system of coordination between public and private sectors including businesses, industries, and educational institutions to ensure a seamless process of matching employers, employment opportunities and potential employees.
- Provide a central management point to facilitate connecting activities among all service providers in the region.
- Provide a system of accountability to ensure all resources and initiatives are being implemented and managed in a cost-effective, efficient manner.
- Contribute to minimizing and/or elimination of duplication and inefficient use of resources available for workforce development initiatives in West Alabama.
- Establish a business-driven, customer-driven leadership board that provides for the efficient support system for management and accountability.
- Develop and implement a true ‘one stop’ center for delivery of employment and related services, including assessment, targeted instruction, training, and placement.
- Provide assurance, linkages and cooperative efforts to ensure compliance and coordination within and through the workforce investment act (WIA) and the Alabama workforce system.
The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

Mission: The mission of The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama is to provide the leadership, vision and catalyst for the advancement of the economic prosperity, business climate, and quality of life for the entire community.

Goals/Objectives:

- To guide in the accomplishment of this mission, five basic objectives have been established as the basis for programming and policy decisions of the organization.
- Work to overcome barriers to future economic development and a healthy and positive business climate.
- Improve the area's ability to expand and enhance employment opportunities.
- Improve the overall quality of life and standard of living for the total community.
- Work to develop the rich human, natural, technological and man-made resources of the Tuscaloosa County and West Alabama region to further enhance economic opportunities.
- Provide support services and systems to benefit the members of The Chamber and consistently represent and advocate the best interests of the members of the organization.

Values:

- Customer Responsiveness. We will focus on the needs of our members and customers and find ways to provide programs, services and benefits that are cost-effective, beneficial and convenient.
- Excellence. We will deliver programs, services and products that will be evaluated by our members and customers as state of the art and of the highest quality.
- Diversity. We will view diversity in gender, culture, ethnicity, professional background and size of firm/organization as strengths to be sought and utilized in The Chamber.
- Leadership. We will be visionary and future-oriented in our thinking, decision-making and programming.

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- **Integrity.** We will be open, candid and fair; honor our commitments; and adhere to high ethical standards and objectives.

- **Participation.** We will seek broad and active participation of our members in programs and in the governance of the organization.

- **Relationships.** We will build and enhance relationships and public/private partnerships within the organization and community as a core value of membership, learning from and with each other.

- **Personal Growth.** We will provide opportunities through programming and involvement for personal leadership development and citizenship.

- **Innovation and Creativity.** We will approach change and challenges in the market place as an opportunity to encourage an environment for innovation and to foster individual creativity.

- **Technology.** We will foster utilization of new technologies, delivering programs, services and opportunities to educate our members to the practical applications of new technologies.

**Website:** http://www.tuscaloosachamber.com

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Chief Executive Officer
jim@tuscaloosachamber.com
2200 University Blvd.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205.758.7588

**Programs/Services:**

Entrepreneurship Training and Assistance
Information Technology/Computer Training
Interviewing Space/Facilities
Job Postings
Job Shadowing

Leadership Programs
Legislative Contacts
Multimedia Resources
Soft Skills Training
Workforce and Labor Data and Information
2 - 1 - 1 Information Referral Service

Mission: 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities.

Goal: 2-1-1 can refer callers to resources and information that includes utility bill assistance, food, clothing as well as many other health and human service resources that empower residents toward self-sufficiency.

Website: http://www.uwwa.org/211connectsalabama.org

Contact Information: Tamika Alexander
tamika@uwwa.org
2720 5th St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205.345.7775 OR 2-1-1
Fax: 205.345.6681

Programs/Services:
Adult Education Programs
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Preparation
At Rish Youth Programs
ESL
GED Preparation
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Application Preparation
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Postings
Job Search Assistance

Leadership Programs
Legislative Contacts
Non-custodial parent programs
Our-of-school Youth Programs
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Secondary Technical Education
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Services for Veterans
Summer Youth Programs
Summer Youth Work Opportunities
Tutoring Programs
Welding Training
WorkKeys Assessments

Additional Programs/Services:

- 2-1-1 can connect a caller to a Workforce Development Program using the resources that are listed in our 2-1-1 database.
**Adopt - A - School**

**Mission:** The mission of the Adopt-A-School Program, managed through the West Alabama Chamber Foundation, is to utilize the human resources and talents of the business community to strengthen, enhance and enrich the quality of education in our public schools.

**Goals:**
- Create a climate of involvement and interaction between businesses and schools
- Foster a better understanding between the business/industry communities and the public school systems in Tuscaloosa County
- Involve the community in preparing for its own economic future

**Website:** http://www.tuscaloosachamber.com\aas

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205.758.7588 (ext. 563)

**Programs/Services:**
Job Shadowing
Leadership Programs
Soft Skills Training

**Additional Programs/Services:**
- Curriculum enrichment
- School to career
- Career awareness
- Job shadowing activities
- Student incentives/motivation
- Character development activities
- Improving school environment
- Community service projects
AIDT

Mission: The mission of AIDT is to provide quality workforce development for Alabama's new and expanding businesses and to expand the opportunities of its citizens through the jobs these businesses create.

Website: http://www.aidt.edu

Contact Information: Ed Castile
director@aidt.edu
One Technology Court
Montgomery, AL 36116
Phone: 334.424.4158
Fax: 334.242.0299

Programs/Services:
Application Screening for Employers
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Postings
Leadership Programs
Lean Training
On the Job Training
OSHA Training (OSHA 10 & 30)

Additional Programs/Services:

- Project Management
- Maintenance Assessments
- Industrial Safety Assessments and Training
- Process Improvement Assessments

- Pre-Employment Training
- Quality Training
- Robotics Training
- Safety Training
- Soft Skills Training
- Welding Training
- Workforce and Labor Data and Information

- Media Services/Video Production
- Training Development
- Project Support
- Leadership Development
Alabama Blues Project

Mission: The mission of the Alabama Blues Project is to promote and preserve the blues as a traditional and contemporary American art form, with particular attention to the contribution from Alabama’s great blues musicians.

Goals: Alabama Blues Project’s goal is to give bussing musicians aged 8 to 18 an opportunity to learn to play the blues while passing on Alabama’s rich blues culture to the next generation.

Objectives:
- teaching children life-skills by formal presentations and practically in group interaction
- teaching children to use music as a positive way of expressing emotions
- building self-esteem through performance and skills acquisition
- building communication skills and empathy through group interaction
- increasing cultural pride through the study of Alabama’s rich blues heritage
- improving problem solving and academic ability through arts education

Website: http://www.alabamablues.org

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paula@alabamablues.org
712 25th Avenue
Northport, AL 35476
205.752.6263

Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs
Out-of-School Youth Programs
Summer Youth Programs
Alabama Cooperative Extension System—Bibb County Office

Mission: To provide educational programs that help people improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

Website: http://www.aces.edu/bibb

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mdh0007@aces.edu
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Centreville, AL 35042
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Fax: 205.926.5114

Programs/Services:
Certificate Programs
Grant Funds
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Leadership Programs
Legislative Contacts

Additional Programs/Services:
- Caregiver programs for healthcare provision trainees in high school HOSA programs and adults
- Broadband Training through ADECA and Auburn University grant.
- Annual Bibb County Career Fair
- Community Leadership Development program that includes training sessions, tours and presentations at Mercedes in Vance.
Alabama Cooperative Extension System—Hale County Office

Website: www.aces.edu/counties/Hale

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Greensboro, AL
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Program Areas:
Agriculture
Forestry, Wildlife & Natural Resources
Urban Affairs & New Nontraditional
Family & Consumer Sciences
Economic & Communication Development
4H & Youth Development
Alabama Cooperative Extension System—Sumter County Office

Mission: The primary outreach organization for land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

Website: http://www.aces.edu/counties/sumter/

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Livingston, AL 35470
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Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs
Certificate Program
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Leadership Programs
Out-of-School Youth Programs
Alabama Technology Network (ATN)

Mission: ATN provides the most innovative technical assistance and training to continually improve Alabama businesses and industries.

Website: http://www.atn.org

Contact Information: David Cooper
dcooper@atn.org
Multiple Locations Statewide
Tuscaloosa Site: Alabama Productivity Center, The University of Alabama
P.O. Box 870318
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0318
Phone: 205.901.7908 or 205.348.8956

Programs/Services:
Lean
- 5S
- Kaizen Facilitator
- Kanban
- Lean 101
- Quick Changeover
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Value Stream Mapping
- Lean Office
- Lean Enterprise Certificate Program
- Lean Coaching
- Cellular Manufacturing
- Lean and Clean Value Stream Mapping

(ATN Continued)
Quality Systems

- Management Systems
  (ISO 9000, TS 16949, AS9100, ISO 13485, ISO 14000, AISC)
- Internal Auditor Training
- Overview of Standards Requirements
- System Implementation
- System Audits

Quality Engineering

- Lean Sigma
- Design of Experiments
- Statistical Process Control (SPC)
- Root Cause Analysis/Problem Solving
- Six Sigma (Black & Green Belt)
- Automotive Core Tools (MSA, FMEA, PPAP, APQP, SPC)

Industrial Maintenance

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Hydraulics
- Motor Controls
- NFPA 70E
- Pneumatics
- Process Controls (PLCs)
- Robotics
- Practical Energy

Information Technology

- Broadband WiFi management Design
- Computer Systems Networking
- Computer Training (MS Office, CISCO, Customized IT - LAN/WAN)

(ATN Continued)
• Data and Risk Management Assessments
• Network and Security Analysis
• PCI Gap Analysis
• VOIP Communication Management, Design and Deployment
• Network Management and Design

Human Resources and Organizational Deployment
• Change Management
• Communication and Interpersonal Skills
• Creating Employee Handbooks
• Teambuilding and Ropes Course
• Supervisory Training
• Planning and Risk Management

Environmental Safety and Health
• HAZMAT (DOT)
• Ergonomics
• OSHA 10 hr. and OSHA 30 hr.
• Environmental Regulation Review
• Occupational Health and Safety Compliance Assessments and Audits Emergency Action Plans
• Emergency Action Plans
• HAZWOPER (Refresher, 24 hr. and 40 hr.)
• Respirator Fit Testing
• Confined Space Entry
• Lock Out Tag Out
• Industrial Hygiene Sampling

Business Services/Strategic Management
• Strategic Planning
• Leadership Development
• Market Research

(ATN Continued)
Website Development

Growth Strategies (Eureka Ranch®)

Engineering and Technical Services

Product Design

Prototyping

CAD/CAM

Blueprint Reading

Reversing Engineering

Process Design and Manufacturing Systems

Advanced Machining and Machine Cells

Design for Manufacturability

CMM

3D Part Printing

Die Design

Additional Programs/Services

Incumbent Worker Training

Industrial Maintenance Training

Information Technology/Computer Training

Leadership Programs

Lean Training

OSHA Training

Quality Training

Robotics Training

Safety Training
ARC of Tuscaloosa

Mission: To promote dignity, quality and choice in securing for consumers opportunities to realize their goals of achieving quality of life.

Website: http://thearcoftuscaloosa.org/

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711 Black Bears Way
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
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Fax: 205.554.1084

Programs/Services:
Application Screening for employers
Background Checks and Drug Screening
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Postings
Job Search Assistance

Job Shadowing
On the Job Training
Pre-Employment Training
Resources for Job Seekers
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Soft Skills Training

Additional Programs/Services:
• Determination of Needs Assessment
• Discovery Profile
• Hire/Job Placement
• Job Retention and Job Coaching
• Closure: stability within employment
Bevill State – Pickens Campus

Mission: Learning, Serving, Enriching. Bevill State Community College is an accredited, comprehensive learning-centered institution dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities and services that enrich lives intellectually, culturally, and economically.

Vision: Bevill State Community College is dedicated to a belief in the dignity, worth and uniqueness of each individual and a person’s right to achieve his or her fullest potential. Based on this belief, the College fosters a visionary, nurturing and collaborative learning environment that promotes diversity and provides open educational opportunities.

The College values its role as an innovative service organization and is continually anticipating and meeting the educational needs of its local and global communities.

With these fundamental principles affirming the values of learning and service, the College seeks to enrich each life it touches.

Goals:

- Provide greater access.
- Expand instructional opportunities.
- Maximize student success.
- Enhance services for our students and the community.
- Optimize the use of personnel, physical and financial resources.

Website: http://www.bssc.edu/workforce/

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skoon@bscc.edu

491 Tuscaloosa Ave.

Carrollton, AL 35447

Phone: 800.648.3271

(Bevill State Community College-Pickens Campus Continued)
### Programs/Services:

- ACT Prep
- Adult Education Programs
- Alabama High School Graduation Exam Preparation
- Associate’s Degrees
- At Risk Youth Programs
- Certificate Programs
- Dual Enrollment
- Engineering Programs
- ESL
- GED Preparation
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Industrial Maintenance Training

- Job Application Preparation
- Job Interviewing Preparation
- Job Search Assistance
- Lean Training
- OSHA Training
- Resources for Job Seekers
- Resume Writing Classes/Services
- Services for Veterans
- Soft Skills Training
- Tuition Funding/Assistance
- Tutoring Programs
- Work Keys Assessments
Bibb County Career Academy

Mission: The Bibb County Career Academy’s mission is to prepare students for success. Its vision is students who are empowered through career education to become productive, successful citizens and lifelong learners.

Goals/Objectives: The Career Academy is a public school Career Technical Center that services the students of Bibb County High School and West Blocton High School by providing opportunities to develop career technical skills in a number of program areas.

Website: http://www.bibbed.org/bcctc/

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17191 Highway 5
West Blocton, AL 35184
Phone: 205.938.7434

Programs/Services:
ACT Prep
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Prep
At Risk Youth Programs
Co-Op Programs
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Search Assistance
Job Shadowing
Leadership Programs
On The Job Training
Resume Writing Classes
Safety Training
Secondary Technical Education
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Soft Skills Training
Tutoring Programs
Welding Training
Workforce and Labor Data and Information
WorkKeys Assessment

(Bibb County Career Academy Continued)
Additional Programs/Services:

- Agriscience
- Automotive Service
- Collision Repair
- Commerce and Information Technology
- Cooperative Education
- Cosmetology
- Forestry
- Health Science
- Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG)
- Welding
Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America

Mission: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Website: http://www.bwc-bsa.org

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
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Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Out-of-School Youth Programs
Summer Youth Programs
Summer Youth Work Opportunities

Additional Programs/Services:
The Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America provides an educational program of citizenship training, character building and physical and mental fitness to boys 1st through 12th grades and girls 9th through 12th grades. Youth and adults learn a varying array of skills through the scouting programs/activities that they participate in and achievements that they earn.
Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. (CBSi) - Insight Background Screening

**Mission:** To provide quality information at a reasonable price so clients can make quality decisions that will ensure safe and secure work environments.

**Goals/Objectives:**
- Accuracy
- Timeliness
- Value
- Simplicity
- Support

**Website:** http://www.CBSi-Insight.com

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bhoward@creditbureau.com
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
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Fax: 205.469.3554

**Programs/Services:**
Background Screening
Demopolis Career Center

Mission: The Demopolis Career Center is a one-stop career center, supported by the state of Alabama and the federal government, offering free employment services available to all businesses and job seekers. The Alabama Career Center not only offers employment services, but also offers training programs, adult basic education and vocational rehabilitation services through the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Website: http://www.joblink.alabama.gov

Contact Information: Larry Jowers, Jr.

demopolis@alcc.alabama.gov

1074 Bailey Dr.

Phone: 334.289.0202

Fax: 334.289.8024

Programs/Services:

Adult Education Programs  On the Job Training
Application Screening for employers  Rapid Response-Dislocated Worker Information
Federal Bonding  Resources for Job Seekers
GED Preparation  Resume Writing Classes/Services
Interviewing Space/Facilities  Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Job Application Preparation  Services for Veterans
Job Fairs/Expos  Tuition Funding/Assistance
Job Interviewing Preparation  Workforce and Labor Data and Information
Job Postings
Job Search Assistance
Demopolis City School System

Mission: The Demopolis City School System, in partnership with our supportive community, will provide a learning environment to produce graduates prepared to succeed in a global society.

Vision: The Demopolis City School System prepares to achieve personal goals and be productive citizens in a globally competitive world.

Goals/Objectives:

- Provide opportunities and programs to involve students, parents, community members, government officials and appropriate other representatives or agencies in collaborative efforts to improve school system governance.

- Provide, maintain and allocate up-to-date technology and other essential equipment and resources to deliver high quality instruction, to provide effective communication, and to support student achievement.

- Establish effective partnerships with post-secondary institutions, community organizations, government agencies and other groups to maximize student achievement.

- Effectively use continuous improvement and accreditation monitoring plans to increase student achievement, to evaluate school system success, and to guide decision making.

Website: http://www.dcsedu.com

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                     609 South Cedar Street
                     Demopolis, AL 36732
                     Phone: 334.289.1670

(Demopolis City School System Continued)
Programs/Services:

ACT Prep
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Prep
At Risk Youth Programs
Background Checks and Drug Screening
Co-Op Programs
Dual Enrollment
Grant Funds
Industrial Maintenance Training
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Posts

Job Shadowing
Leadership Programs
Legislative Contacts
OSHA Training
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Safety Training
Secondary Technical Education
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Summer Youth Programs
Tutoring Programs
Workforce and Labor Data and Information
WorkKeys Assessments

Additional Programs/Services:

The Demopolis City School System has implemented the following CTE Programs:

- Healthcare Science and Technology at Demopolis High Schools (DHS)
- Insurance Services at DHS
- Agriscience Education at DHS
- Business and Marketing Education at DMS
- Planning a conversion from Family and Consumer Science to Culinary Arts
- Program planning an Industrial Maintenance Program in 2012-2013 for full implementation in 2013-2014
Fayette Career Center

Mission: The mission of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations is to effectively use tax dollars to provide state and federal mandated workforce protection programs promoting a positive economic environment for Alabama employers and workers and to produce and disseminate information on the Alabama economy.

Goals:
- Providing employment services, combining education, employment and job training efforts
- Recruiting, placing, mentoring and counseling potential employees

Website: http://www.joblink.alabama.gov

Contact Information: Sharron M. Owens
2631 Temple Ave. N
Fayette, AL 35555
Phone: 205.932.3221 (ext. 5171 or 5161)

Programs/Services:
ACT Preparation
Adult Education Programs
Application Screening for employers
At Risk Youth Programs
GED Preparation
Grant Funds
Incumbent Worker Training
Interviewing Space/facilities
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing
Job Postings

Job Search Assistance
On the Job Training
Out-of-School Youth Programs
Pre-Employment Training
Rapid-Response-Dislocated Worker Information
Resources of Job Seekers
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Services for Veterans
Tuition funding/Assistance
Workforce and Labor Data and Information

(Fayette Career Center Continued)
Additional Programs/Services:

- Provide employment assistance, adult education and job training, and other services for adults, youth, dislocated workers and special populations.
- Job development, occupational and educational training, vocational rehabilitation, veterans' services and unemployment insurance information are offered.
  - Work with local employers to locate employees.
Family Counseling Service

Mission: Family Counseling Service improves the quality of life for the people of West Alabama by providing accessible, expert counseling services and state-of-the-art programs that promote mental, emotional and social well-being.

Goals: Family Counseling Service's goal is to increase the mental, emotional and social functioning of our clients by providing counseling and intervention services. These services are targeted at assisting individuals identify and affect the way they thing and address a variety of issues in their lives.

Website: http://www.counselingservice.org

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2020 Paul W. Bryant Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205.752.2504
Fax: 205.345.4842

Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Fayette County School System

Mission: To provide a safe, disciplined learning environment that empowers all students to develop their full potential.

Website: http://www.fayette.k12.al.us

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wshipman@fayette.k12.al.us
P.O. Box 686
Fayette, AL 35555

Programs/Services:
ACT Preparation
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Preparation
Background Checks and Drug Screening
Certificate Programs
Dual Enrollment
Grant Funds
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Postings
Leadership Programs
Summer Youth Programs
Summer Youth Work Opportunities
Tutoring Programs
Work Keys Assessment

Additional Programs/Services:
- Career Job Shadow Day in Business
- Mercedes Apprentice Programs
- School Career Fairs
- Bevill State Community College Career Fair
- Field Trips to Mercedes Benz plant
County Technology Center

Mission: Provide all students with a seamless transition from high school to post-secondary or into the work force.

Goals and Objectives:
- Recognize and provides for the education differences in students.
- Establishes high standards within a supportive learning environment.
- Stimulates cooperation, dedication, and self-discipline.
- Integrates technology into the mastery of academic content.
- Recognizes the importance of student engagement and open communication.
- Provides timely and effective scientifically-based research strategies/programs to address the learning needs of all students.

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Programs/Services:
Adult Education Programs
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Prep
Co-Op Programs
Dual Enrollment
GED Prep
In-School (Secondary) Programs
On The Job Training
Welding Training
WorkKeys Assessments
HERO (Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization)

Mission: HERO works as a catalyst for community development in areas of the Alabama Black belt to end rural poverty. As a nonprofit housing resource center and job training facility, HERO provides community resources, housing education and youth programming.

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Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs GED Prep
Certificate Programs Leadership Programs
Entrepreneurship Training and Assistance OSHA Training

Additional Programs:
Hero offers out-of-school and at-risk youth (16-22) job training in four industries:

- Retail Sales Training
- Hospitality Training
- Construction Training
- Small Scale Green Manufacturing
Lamar County School System

Mission: The mission of the Lamar County School System is to ensure the development of healthy and self-reliant individuals, reaching their fullest potential and contributing to their society. We will accomplish our mission through schools which have comprehensive, challenging curricula and competent, dedicated teachers, working and learning together in a comfortable, clean and safe environment.

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Programs/Services:
ACT Prep
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Prep
Dual Enrollment
In-School (Secondary) Programs

Additional Programs/Services:
- Lamar County School System offers a curriculum that allows our students to be college and/or career ready upon graduation. Included in these are: ACT preparation, rigorous college-prep classes, career technical courses (at each high school and at the career technical center) and remediation for those who need it to become college/career ready.
Lamar County School of Technology

Mission: The mission of the Lamar County School of Technology is to promote learning with a purpose. By linking academics and technical courses, the school provides hands-on experiences which allow students to apply what they learn and gain skills which employers need. By learning to learn they will be able to adapt to whatever changes occur in the workplace.

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Programs/Services:
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Welding Training

Additional Programs/Services:
Lamar County School of Technology students have the capability of credentialing in:

- Automotive
- Cosmetology
- Health Services
- Industrial Machine
- Welding
Literacy Council of West Alabama

Mission: To improve lives and communities in West Alabama through literacy.

Goals:

- Establish projects to ensure West Alabama becomes a highly literate and employable community
- Launch a hard-hitting public awareness campaign
- Build the capacity of literacy providers to serve more students effectively
- Increase the number of family literacy initiatives and centers
- Develop a workforce literacy initiative
- Develop a coordinated funding plan
- Coordinate decision-making and implementation of the community literacy plan and develop a coordinated literacy infrastructure

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Programs/Services:
Grant Funds
Multimedia Resources
Workforce and Labor Data and Information
Pickens County Family Resource Center

Mission: To empower families to become self-sufficient

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Application Screening for employers
At Risk Youth Programs
Background Checks and Drug Screening
Grant Funds
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Postings
Job Search Assistance
Non-custodial parent programs
Ready to Work – (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Hale, Greene, Pickens and Sumter)

**Mission:** Ready to Work (RTW) is a free training program that prepares adults for entry-level jobs with most businesses and industries. RTW helps students improve basic skills, upgrade job employment skills, and prepare for college level courses.

**Goals:** The goal is for all students to obtain the Alabama Certified Worker certificate and Alabama Industrial Development Training certificate, and to either gain employment or enroll into further training.

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**Programs/Services:**
- Adult Education Programs
- Grant Funds
- Information Technology/Computer Training
- Job application Preparation
- Pre-Employment Training
- Resume Writing Classes/Services
- Soft Skills training
- WorkKeys Assessments

**Additional Programs/Services:**

- RTW covers topics in the following: computer technology, ability to apply problem solving skills, workplace behavior, manufacturing skills and job acquisition skills. Participants learn the characteristics of a positive work ethic, organizational skills time management, attitude and motivation.

- Each Wednesday from 9am to noon students are TABE tested. To qualify for RTW, students must earn an 8 on both the reading and math portions. Students must also have a high school diploma or GED for admittance into the program. Students may select site and time that best fits their schedule.
SCORE

**Mission:** To provide professional guidance and information (accessible to all) in order to maximize the success of existing and emerging small businesses within the boundaries of the Tuscaloosa chapter.

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**Programs/Services:**

Entrepreneurship Training and Assistance

**Additional Programs/Services:**

- Face to face mentoring
- Small business workshops
Shelton State Community College Adult Education Program

Mission: To prepare adult learners to achieve outcomes and obtain credentials that will make them employable, productive, and responsible citizens.

Goals and Objectives:

- We prepare individuals to pass the GED test.
- We offer the opportunity to prepare for and pass the WorkKeys® assessment, thereby earning a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).
- We offer the opportunity for underprepared adults to obtain skills in literacy and to advance into adult education classes.
- We improve the education functioning level of underprepared adults in reading, math, and language.
- We provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in Tuscaloosa County.

Website: http://www.sheltonstate.edu/community_corporate_education

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Programs/Services:
Adult Education Programs
ESL (English as a Second Language Classes)
GED Prep
WorkKeys® Assessments
**Shelton State Workforce Development Center**

**Mission:** The West Alabama Center for Workforce Development provides employer-driven workforce services designed to prepare Alabama’s citizens to be productive members of a World Class Workforce. We offer world-class training programs, state of the art facilities, and a team of experienced professionals to meet your training needs. Now you can access comprehensive skill development anytime, anywhere, affordably and conveniently.

The Center was developed in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce and under the guidance of an Advisory Board consisting of industry and workforce development community leaders of to expand workforce development resources for West Alabama. This initiative was in response to an emergent need of a larger trained workforce due to regional industry growth and development.

The West Alabama Center for Workforce Development purpose is to provide quality employment and training services for employers and job seekers at all levels. The Center provides a single access point for job seekers and employers and functions as a clearinghouse for workforce development information to insure a coordinated effort between Shelton State Community College, business and industry and all related workforce programs and offers job seekers a connection to local industry and their job training needs.

**Website:** [http://www.sheltonstate.edu/community_corporate_education/workforce_development_center.aspx](http://www.sheltonstate.edu/community_corporate_education/workforce_development_center.aspx)

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Success by 6 (United Way of West Alabama)

Mission: Soon all children in West Alabama will enter first grade healthy, confident and ready to learn.

Goal: Help children in West Alabama be prepared when they start school.

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Programs/Services:
In-School (Elementary) Programs
Summer Youth Programs

Additional Programs:
- Jump Start Summer Readiness Program
- "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" readiness calendar
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Theo Ratliff Activity Center

Mission: To provide recreational activities, health education and end educational resources for students as well as adults.

Goals: To provide community resources to enhance a holistic approach to the development of our citizens in terms of health, education and recreation.

Website: http://www.theoratliffactivitycenter.org

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Programs/Services:

Adult Education Programs
At Risk Youth Programs
Entrepreneurship Training and Assistance
GED Preparation
Incumbent Worker Training
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Search Assistance

Job Shadowing
Non-custodial Parent Programs
Robotics Training
Services for the Disabled
Soft Skills Training
Summer Youth Programs
Summer Youth Work Opportunities
Tutoring Programs
Work Keys Assessments
Tuscaloosa Area Career Center

Mission: To provide jobs, training and labor market exchange services for adults, dislocated workers and youth through federal Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser guidelines.

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Programs/Services:

- Adult Education Programs
- Application Screening for Employers
- Associate’s Degrees
- At Risk Youth Programs
- Certificate Programs
- Entrepreneurship Training and Assistance
- Federal Bonding
- GED Prep
- Grant Funds
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Industrial Maintenance Training
- Interviewing Space/Facilities
- Job Application Preparation
- Job Fairs/Expos
- Job interviewing Preparation
- Job Postings
- Job Search Assistance
- On the Job Training
- Out-of-School Youth Programs
- Pre-Employment Training
- Rapid Response-Dislocated Worker Information
- Resume Writing Classes/Services
- Services for Veterans
- Soft Skills Training
- Summer Youth Programs
- Summer Youth Work Opportunities
- Tuition Funding/Assistance
- Workforce and Labor Data and Information
- WorkKeys Assessment
Tuscaloosa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Inc.

Mission: To reduce teen pregnancy in Tuscaloosa County and West Alabama by educating teens, parents and the community about the importance of reducing teen pregnancy and by increasing the effectiveness of all entities that provide programs that result in reduced teen pregnancies.

Goal: To reduce teen pregnancy in Tuscaloosa County by 25% by 2015.

Objectives:

- Educate teens, parents and community leaders about consequences of teen pregnancy
- Increase the effectiveness of individuals, social service agencies and other community entities in reducing teen pregnancies.
- Expand the reach of the Tuscaloosa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to include surrounding counties.

Website: http://www.tuscaloosateenpregnancy.org

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Programs/Services:
At Risk Youth Programs Out-of School Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs Summer Youth Programs
Job Shadowing/Interning

Additional Programs/Services:

- Internship: TCPTP accepts 1-3 interns per semester from The University of Alabama.
  - Who qualifies? Bachelor and master level students, usually in HES, SW or Health Studies
  
  (Tuscaloosa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Inc. Continued)
• Prevention education programs in public schools
  - **Who qualifies?** 9-12 graders who are enrolled in Health education classes

• Prevention education programs in community agencies
  - **Who qualifies?** Students involved in community agencies, such as “The Bridge” and “Special Programs for Achievement Network”

• Can We Talk and Growing Manhood programs in partnership with DCH Hospital
  - **Who qualifies?** Community members, parent/guardian and youth aged 11-14 attend the free program to learn about puberty

• Summer Food and Fun Program: TCPTP staff volunteers each summer in this program implemented by the Community Action Team of Tuscaloosa
  - **Who qualifies?** Community youth who pre-register for the program
Tuscaloosa Center for Technology (TCT)

Mission: The mission of Tuscaloosa Center for Technology is to provide each student with the necessary academic and employability skills that will enable them to be life-long learners as well as responsible citizens and productive employees.

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Programs/Services:
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Shadowing
Leadership Programs
Multimedia Resources
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Robotics Training

Additional programs/services:
• Animation
• Cosmetology
• Drafting
• Electrical Tech
• Emergency and Fire Management
• Health Science
• Network/Computers
• Construction
• Automotive Technology
• Masonry
• Welding
• Media Technology
Tuscaloosa County School System

Vision: Where Students Learn, Grow, and Achieve

Mission: The Tuscaloosa County Board of Education is committed to meeting the educational needs of all students in a safe learning environment.

The Career/Technical Education (CTE) program is a rigorous, progressive, and vital part of the total education system that provides students with life skills and prepares them as a workforce in which business and industry are confident. Core values include:

Integrity First
  - Integrity is not just telling the truth, it is a state of being.
  - CTE professionals approach every situation with an honest, diligent, and open desire to carry forth CTE’s vision, mission, and goals.

Striving for Excellence
  - Excellence emerges from one’s spirit.
  - CTE professionals are guided by and accountable to the strategic plan and contribute to continuous program improvement while maintaining core values.

Always Professional
  - Always an educator, always a professional.
  - CTE professionals collaborate and cooperate to form strong relationships that enhance the vision, mission, and goals leading to improved student achievement.

Success Through Teamwork
  - Teamwork is key to success.
  - CTE professionals collaborate and cooperate to form strong relationships that enhance the vision, mission and goals leading to improved student achievement.

Goal: The goal in moving forward is to create a blended model of delivery where academic knowledge and career and technical skills are one in the same with multiple pathways for students to pursue their career interests whether they intend upon graduation to enter apprenticeship training or post-secondary education, or pursue advanced degrees in our universities.

(Tuscaloosa County School System Continued)
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Programs/Services:

ACT Prep
Alabama High School Graduation Exam Prep
Application Screening for employers
At Risk Youth Programs
Certificate Programs
Craft Assessment Certification Program
Co-Op Programs
Dual Enrollment
Engineering Programs
ESL (English as a Second Language Classes)
Federal Bonding
Grant Funds
Information Technology/Computer Training
In-School (Elementary) Programs
In-School (Secondary) Programs
Job Application Preparation
Job Fairs/Expos
Job Interviewing Preparation
Job Postings

Leadership Programs
Legislative Contacts
Multimedia Resources
Out-of-School Youth Programs
Pre-Employment Training
Quality Training
Resume Writing Classes/Services
Robotics Training
Safety Training
Secondary Technical Education
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Soft Skills Training
Summer Youth Programs
Summer Youth Work Opportunities
Tutoring Programs
Welding Training
Workforce and Labor Data and Information
WorkKeys Assessments

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Additional Programs/Services:

The Tuscaloosa County School System provides 49 career-technical education teachers within fourteen middle and high school settings. Offered are: Agriscience Technology Education, Automotive Technology Education, Building Construction Education, Commerce and Information Technology Education, Health Sciences Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, JROTC, Welding Technology Education, and Work-Based Learning/Cooperative Education. We are proud of our community stakeholders and partnerships with business and industry in West Alabama.
Tuscaloosa’s One Place

**Mission:** To empower people to achieve their full potential by promoting self-sufficiency, strengthening families and preventing child abuse/neglect.

**Goals:**

- Increase family safety and stability through strengths based, comprehensive and preventative service delivery
- Increase the capacity of families to nurture their children and the capacity of communities to nurture families
- Seek additional revenues to help meet the increased demand for services in the community
- Increase public awareness of TOP’s mission and work within the community by 5 percent
- Demonstrate sound and effective programmatic and financial capacity in all areas of Center work
- Proactively work to ensure adequate space/facilities and equipment are available

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**Programs/Services:**

- Adult Education Programs
- At Risk Youth Programs
- ESL
- GED Preparation
- In-School (Elementary) Programs
- In-School (Secondary) Programs
- Job Application Preparation
- Job Interviewing Preparation
- Job Postings
- Job Search Assistance
- Non-custodial parent programs
- On the Job Training
- Pre-Employment Training
- Resources for Job Seekers
- Resume Writing Classes/Services
- Soft Skills Training
- Summer Youth Programs
- Tutoring Programs
United Way of West Alabama

Mission: To continually improve the quality of life for area residents by funding effective programs and services throughout the West Alabama community.

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Programs/Services:

Adult Education Programs
Associate’s Degrees
At Risk Youth Programs
Bachelor’s Degrees
ESL (English as a Second Language Classes)
GED Prep
Grant Funds
In-School (Elementary) Programs
Leadership Programs
Non-custodial parent programs
Out-of-School Youth programs
Services for the Disabled/Special Needs
Summer Youth Programs
Tutoring Programs
WorkKeys Assessments
University of West Alabama Center for Business and Economic Services

Mission: The University of West Alabama Center for Business and Economic Services' (UWA-CBES) mission is to improve the quality of life in Alabama's Black Belt region.

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Programs/Services:
Certificate Programs (Customizable for Business and Industry)
Grant Funds (W.D. Grant Proposal Writing)
OSHA Training (HAZWOPER)
Safety Training

Additional Programs/Services:
- UWA-CBES offers customized trainings for business and industry.
West Alabama Regional Commission

Mission: The West Alabama Regional Commission improves the quality of life in West Alabama by providing beneficial services and resources to local governments, community-based organizations, individuals and families.

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Programs/Services:

- Revolving Loan Fund:
  - Provides financing for commercial/industrial expansion and start-up projects by private, for-profit firms located in Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens and Tuscaloosa counties

- Senior Aides Program:
  - Provides job skills training, employment preparation, and paid, part-time training assignments for low income persons age 55 and older in Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens and Tuscaloosa counties
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