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Jonnycake Center of Westerly to Hold Six-Week Paid Job Training Program
Non-Profit Accepting Unemployed and Underemployed Applicants for October 16 Start

Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly invites Rhode Island residents age 18 and older to participate in a **six-week paid job training program** beginning October 16, 2019. Classes will be held at the Jonnycake Center of Westerly at 23 Industrial Drive, Westerly. More information, including how to register, is available by calling Elizabeth Wyllie at **(401) 377-8069 ext. 115** or emailing ewyllie@jonnycake.org.

The Westerly Regional Real Jobs Program, part of Real Jobs Rhode Island, offers meaningful help for individuals seeking employment while looking to upgrade their skills. The program features paid training in soft skills, computer skills, résumé writing, and interviewing strategies. Certifications in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, ServSafe Alcohol, and ServSafe Food Handler are awarded. At the end of the training period, participants are placed in a paid internship at a local business or organization. Candidates will emerge from the program with new certifications and improved workplace abilities.

“The Jonnycake Center is pleased to offer another round of this important educational program to the public,” said **Lee Eastbourne**, Executive Director. “With the national unemployment rate at 3.7 percent [as of September 2019], it’s more important than ever that our local workforce is hireable and prepared for the 21st century working environment. The Westerly Regional Real Jobs program offers an excellent way for southern Rhode Island residents to learn marketable skills while earning a stipend. Anybody looking to stay competitive in the job market is invited to participate.”

The Jonnycake Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves as the core provider of social services for clients in Westerly, Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton, Rhode Island. Among other services, the Center coordinates emergency food and financial assistance, social services case management, domestic violence support, health and wellness information, educational workshops, and much more for local residents in need. The Jonnycake Center also operates a large on-site Thrift Store selling new and gently used items at low prices, open to the public.

Find more information about paid job training at Jonnycake.org, call (401) 377-8069 ext. 115, or email Elizabeth Wyllie, Westerly Regional Real Jobs Education Coordinator, at ewyllie@jonnycake.org.

About The Jonnycake Center of Westerly

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly’s mission is to provide a continuum of services in cooperation with other agencies in our service area to assist people through crisis situations and work with each individual to find a path out of dependency toward self-sufficiency. For more information, visit Jonnycake.org, become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonnycake), follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/jonnycake) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jonnycake), or call (401) 377-8069.

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