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**Jonnycake Center of Westerly to Hold Six-Week Paid Job Training Program**  
*Non-Profit Accepting Unemployed and Underemployed Applicants for January 21, 2020 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 beginning January 21, 2020. 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 (401) 377-8069 ext. 115 or emailing [ewyllie@jonnycake.org](mailto: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. 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 3.5 percent [as of December 2019], we hope to start the new year by helping our local workforce stay hireable for the 2020 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](http://jonnycake.org), call (401) 377-8069 ext. 115, or email Elizabeth Wylie, Westerly Regional Real Jobs Education Coordinator, at [ewyllie@jonnycake.org](mailto: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](http://Jonnycake.org), become a fan on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), or call (401) 377-8069.

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