GOODWILL PROGRAMS SERVING COLORADO DURING COVID-19

During these unprecedented times, Goodwill’s mission—helping individuals achieve greater independence—is more important than ever. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted many of our programs to serve more Coloradans.

Goodwill’s career development programs serve more than 100,000 Coloradans each year—including military veterans, seniors, youth, individuals with disabilities and those with economic challenges. Through our retail operations, workforce development programs, community partnerships and social enterprises, Goodwill has been part of the fabric that makes Colorado communities strong. For more than a century we have helped individuals access career and life pathways that help them tap into their potential.

With a strong focus on job training and support services, Goodwill has the expertise, reach, and capacity to help serve.

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**GOODWHEELS COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

**WHO IT’S FOR:** ANYONE WHO NEEDS TRANSPORTATION

GoodWheels offers “Door Through Door” service to help individuals get to appointments, community services, and even to run errands or pick up prescriptions in Colorado Springs. Our licensed, professional drivers will carefully transport clients who use either standard or bariatric-sized wheelchairs as well as individuals who are completely ambulatory. GoodWheels will take you to your destination within a 20-mile transport radius for individuals paying through insurance and an unlimited radius for private pay. **Call Jaimy Criswell at 719-442-4306.**

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**ESSENTIAL SOFT SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT**

**WHO IT’S FOR:** JOB SEEKERS WANTING TO ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY

In partnership with Colorado State University, this online curriculum teaches students soft skills through sessions that help participants build a foundation of knowledge and tools to enhance marketable skills and employability. The digital badge earned at completion demonstrates expertise and accomplishment that graduates can share on a resume, social media, or among personal and professional networks. **Call Bakari Olivetti at 719-323-5921.**

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**L.I.F.T. IT TRAINING**

**WHO IT’S FOR:** JOB SEEKERS INTERESTED IN AN I.T. CAREER

IT Primary+ Program: Participants in Goodwill’s LIFT (Learn, Improve, Focus, Thrive) Primary+ training obtain both CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+ certifications upon program completion and passing certification exams. Currently, instruction takes place online to support social distancing. IT Primary+ offers personalized learning where support is ongoing and professional relationships are nurtured through study groups, skills practice and peer-to-peer connections. Job Development and Retention Services are offered to ensure successful, long-term employment.

IT Security+ Program: Our CompTIA Security+ is currently offered virtually and is designed for individuals beginning a career in cybersecurity with responsibilities related to securing network devices, network services and network traffic. The course covers the major categories required to pass certification exams. Job placement support helps ensure successful, long-term employment and career growth. **Call Jaimy Criswell at 719-442-4306.**

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Goodwill’s Employment and Retention Program
Who it’s for: Partner Agencies across Colorado
Goodwill is the broker, managing and distributing funds and support to other agencies, serving a statewide footprint with an emphasis on rural communities. The service must be related to job retention and/or employment which cannot be accessed in the individual’s home area through any other means. Call Bakari Olivetti at 719-323-5921.

Your Life, Your Way
Who it’s for: Individuals wanting to live more independently at home
Offering clients greater independence at home through support services, companionship and even overnight care. Your Life, Your Way offers a wide array of in-home non-medical support. Our licensed caregivers provide care and socialization that is so important for mental health and well-being and can do the tasks that may be challenging, including pet care, light housekeeping, and running errands. Call Jaimy Criswell at 719-442-4306.

Goodwill Paths to Success (GPS) Case Management and Resource Navigation
Who it’s for: Individuals needing assistance navigating community resources
To assist clients who may require more intensive support, GPS is ready to help find the best path forward. Offering enhanced case management, home visits and resource referrals, let GPS help navigate and advise on the best available community resources for your needs. Call Jaimy Criswell at 719-442-4306.

BankWork$ and Goodwill have joined forces to offer this free training program for adults that provides a career pathway in the banking industry. Goodwill facilitates the eight-week intensive curriculum focusing on the skills needed for jobs such as bank tellers, customer service representatives, and personal bankers. BankWork$ also offers interview practice, job placement assistance, and ongoing coaching and mentoring to help with career advancement. The program culminates in a graduation ceremony and job fair where representatives at local banks interview graduates. Nearly 80 percent of participants graduate from the program with an industry-recognized credential and 85 percent are placed in jobs. Call Bakari Olivetti at 719-323-5921.

Work$Ready is an online job readiness training created in response to the unprecedented need to help job seekers reenter the workforce. Classes are taught by experienced workforce instructors live via Zoom. The curriculum includes key topics such as professional presence, resume writing and interview practice as well as soft skills needed to land and keep a job.
Prospective students need to commit to full participation, including attending all online classes and completing assignments. Participants will also need access to a computer, laptop tablet or smartphone and internet connectivity. Call Bakari Olivetti at 719-323-5921.