



## Tip Sheet: Job Training and Career Advancement in Kentucky

There are many resources for workforce development and career advancement available in Kentucky. Whether you're looking to start a new career or improve your current skills, here are steps you can take to get started:

### 1. Identify Your Career Interests and Goals

Before getting into job training and career advancement, it is important to think about your career goals. Consider:

- What industries are growing in my area?
- What skills do I need for those industries?
- Are there ways to move up in my current job?

In Kentucky, industries like healthcare, technology, logistics, manufacturing, and construction are growing fast. Focusing on these areas for job training can help you find better job opportunities.

- **KentuckianaWorks Career Interest Assessment** is a tool that can help you explore career paths based on your interest and skills, check out the link:  
<https://kentuckianaworks.lightcastcc.com/?radius=@ion=Kentuckiana>



### 2. Workforce Development Programs

Kentucky offers several workforce development programs that provide job training and certification opportunities.

These programs are especially helpful for people wanting to work in industries like healthcare, technology, or skilled trades.

- **Examples of Programs:**
  - **Kentucky Career Center** offers services like job training, career counseling, and job placement assistance.
  - **KCTCS (Kentucky Community and Technical College System)** provides affordable courses in fields such as healthcare, construction, and information technology (IT).
  - **Code Louisville** is a free coding boot camp aimed at training individuals for tech careers. It offers a pathway into the tech sector, including full-stack web development, coding, and data science.



### 3. Upskilling and Certifications

As industries change, it's important to keep your skills up to date.

- Tip: Consider getting certifications and additional training to improve your skills and stand out to employers.
- Resources:
  - GED - you can earn you GED free of charge through various programs in Kentucky, helping you to open up new career opportunities.
  - Local Libraries - check your local library's website for lists of free training programs and resources such as access to free courses and resume building tools.
  - [Coursera](#) and [LinkedIn Learning](#) offer online courses that provide certifications recognized by many employers.

### 4. Job Search Resources

Looking for a job can be tough, but there are many resources that can make the process easier.

- Job Portals:
  - Company Websites - Many companies post job openings directly on their websites. It's often the best way to find the latest opportunities and apply directly.
  - [Indeed](#): Search for jobs in Kentucky and get personalized recommendations.
  - [Glassdoor](#): Research companies, salary information, and employee reviews.
- Centers
  - [Kentucky Career Center](#) offers job search help, skills assessments, career counseling, and access to training programs.
  - [KentuckianaWorks](#) serves the Louisville area, connecting people with education, training, and job opportunities.



## **Resources:**

### **KentuckianaWorks**

KentuckianaWorks offers weekly workshops available Monday-Friday for job seekers. Visit their website to learn more - [www.KentuckianaWorks.org](http://www.KentuckianaWorks.org)

### **Goodwill Industries Career Centers**

Offer free, personalized support to job seekers, helping them find jobs, explore career paths, and develop skills through training programs and resources.

### **Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)**

Provides accessible education and workforce training across Kentucky, empowering students and strengthening communities by fostering economic growth and preparing Kentuckians for high-demand careers.

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