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As Wisconsin Re-Opens Some Workers Are Learning Their Jobs No Longer Exist; Job Centers Remain Closed and Staff Are Ready to Assist Dislocated Workers Virtually

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit based in Neenah with a focus on workforce training and job search assistance, is urging individuals who have been laid off through no fault of their own to visit foxvalleyjobcenters.com to begin the process of finding their next job.

“Our Job Centers remain closed because staff has been transferred to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) telephone lines to serve a record number of claims and most employers have stopped filing layoff or permanent closure notices,” said Anthony Snyder, CEO of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. “We’ve lost the two primary ways we connect with unemployed workers so we’re asking those individuals to reach out to us.”

The FVWDB receives most of its funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA dollars flow from the U.S. Department of Labor to the

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and is then allocated to all 11 workforce boards in the state.

The local boards and job centers use these resources to conduct skills assessments, a resume refresh, creation of a job search strategy and possible retraining for a new job. Funding is also available for childcare while in school, mileage from your residence to the classroom and even the costs of necessary tools or uniforms.

“If you are laid off through no fault of your own, you are not alone,” said Snyder. “The best thing you can do is to contact your local job center staff so we can start the process of preparing you for your next role and all our services are absolutely free.”

FVWDB operates five job centers in the region, all currently closed so we are asking individuals to reach out to us only via the web site or phone. Besides the web site registration at foxvalleyjobcenters.com, calls are being taken at the Fox Cities Job Center in Menasha at (920) 997-3272 and the Fond du Lac Job Center at (920) 929-3900. For a listing of all American Job Centers in Wisconsin, visit www.wisconsinjobcenter.org.

For more information on the Fox Valley Job Centers or the work of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, please visit foxvalleyjobcenters.com or www.foxvalleywork.org or call 920-720-5600.

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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit building a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of

state and local workforce partners to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment and help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

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