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JOB SERVICES AVAILABLE AT TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE DELTA
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, WIA help area workers with needs

WYNNE – Cross County citizens looking for employment or ways to become more marketable to potential employers can find the services they need at the Technology Center for the Delta in Wynne.

The Tech Center is the Cross County home of Arkansas Workforce Centers, housing services provided by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and the Workforce Investment Act.

“We are glad that the Technology Center is the local home to Arkansas Workforce Centers,” said Aaron Stewart, executive director of the Cross County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corp. “Their offerings help prepare Cross County’s workforce, enabling us to focus on job creation through the recruitment of new businesses and the expansion of existing companies.”

For job seekers, the Arkansas Workforce Center location inside the Tech Center provides a number of options.

Those needing help with a resume or cover letter can utilize the company’s computer software called Resume Wizard, which is designed to help its users produce a professional resume or cover letter. Staff members are also available to give clients tips on completing such documents.

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Assessment tests are also available at the Wynne location. These assessment tests have been approved by employers in the region and consist of five sections – reading for information, applied math, locating information, mechanics and observation. The tests are given in two parts. The first, known as Key Train, can be taken at the Arkansas Workforce Center offices. A second part, Work Keys, is taken at the East Arkansas Community College’s Wynne campus, also located inside the Tech Center.

Arkansas Workforce Center staff members will help those seeking additional education options complete their financial aid documents. A bulletin board at the entrance of the Wynne AWC facility provides job seekers with information on open positions throughout East Arkansas.

The organization also works closely with area employers, who are allowed to use the Arkansas Workforce Center lobby or meeting rooms for job fairs.

Through the Workforce Investment Act and the recent national stimulus plan, programs are also offered for both youth and adults, including a youth summer employment program.

Services provided by Arkansas Workforce Centers in the Tech Center are free. This includes free notary public services.

While the Tech Center is the home of Arkansas Workforce Centers, other occasional events have also helped area residents find jobs.

The Crossroads Coalition has held a regional job fair and “business to business matchmaker” event inside the Tech Center at its exhibition hall in recent years.

“Our job fair and business matchmaker events were both highly successful,” said Melissa Rivers, Crossroads Coalition executive director. “Dozens of East Arkansas residents were able to apply for jobs and meet potential employers at the job fair. Companies in our region had a chance to meet each other, many for the first time, to potentially begin long-term business relationships.”

The Tech Center was once a K-Mart store left vacant for many years until Cross County economic development leaders decided to use the building for the betterment of the county.

For more information on Arkansas Workforce Centers, call (870) 238-3117 or visit www.arkworks.org.