



# THE FSS NEWSLETTER

## May 2024

Thank y'all for continuing to GET the WORD OUT!



**We CONTINUE WORKING HARD to GROW the FSS PROGRAM!!!**

### What is FSS?



Scan QR code to watch video:  
<https://rb.gy/ssfwe>

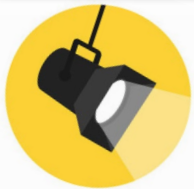
- CRHA FSS Program Poster: <https://rb.gy/1fq95y>
- CRHA FSS Program Brochure: <https://rb.gy/t0kmkt>
- CRHA FSS Action Plan: <https://rb.gy/wzh2gp>
- CRHA/FSS website: <https://cvillerha.com/fss/>

Feel free to share the CRHA FSS materials links above with your peeps, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone interested.



As the FSS program continues to grow and serve more CRHA families. I would like to spotlight one participant for each Monthly Newsletter. Please share with me your ideas, thoughts, concerns and, or feedback on any additional information that you would like to see in our monthly newsletter. The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program can also be a mouthful to SAY OUT LOUD when explaining what FSS is. So, I would like to ASK all you (FSS) folks to help me and our team at CRHA to come up with a better of UNIQUE name that you think sounds better for FSS, and together we can hopefully rebrand it. Maybe, we can have a contest and a prize for the winning idea/name for REBRANDING?! What do you all think? I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DROP ME A LINE ...



## FSS SPOTLIGHT:



**Earl Hicks:** Mr. Hicks was born and raised in Charlottesville, VA, and is a Public Housing resident with CRHA. He is proud to have recently successfully graduated from the **Charlottesville Public Housing Association of Residents** (mostly known as PHAR) Internship Program last month on April 17<sup>th</sup>. During the 6-month program – Earl learnt “to be an advocate” for his community, “to be a voice for the voiceless”, to stand for others’ rights and to “be his neighbor’s keeper”.

If he had a magic wand to make changes in the CRHA Public Housing community, Earl would like to have better communication between residents and the CRHA organization, improved housing conditions, and a safe community where everyone looks out for each other regardless of race, language, or nationality.

*Photo: Earl Hicks receiving his PHAR Internship graduate certificate from C’ville City Manager, Sam Spencer (right), April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at City Space.*



# CRHA RESIDENT SERVICES

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE US HAVE HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**



**WE ARE HIRING A YOUTH COORDINATOR**

What would you like to see them set up?



**CRHA IS STARTING A NONPROFIT**

**WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT?**

**LET US KNOW:**

**COMMENTS@CVILLERHA.COM**

Are you looking for a job or training?



We are hiring a VISTA!



**WE WOULD LOVE TO CONNECT WITH YOU!**

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434-422-9274

cowherds@cvillerha.com

www.facebook.com/cvillerha/

[www.cvillerha.com/resident-services/](http://www.cvillerha.com/resident-services/)

More CRHA Jobs on Indeed.com: <https://tinyurl.com/y7b82ths>





# VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS PIEDMONT & ATLANTIC UNION BANK PRESENT:



PIEDMONT REGION



## YOUR FINANCIAL LITERACY JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

Virginia Career Works Piedmont has partnered with Atlantic Union Bank to bring you a virtual, interactive financial workshop!

Tuesday, May 7th @1pm-2pm

- ✓ Renting a place
- ✓ Renter's Rulebook
- ✓ Renter's Insurance

[REGISTER HERE](#)



The Virginia Career Works - Piedmont Region is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD-VA Relay: 711. Interpreters are available upon request. EO Officer | [info@vcwpiedmont.com](mailto:info@vcwpiedmont.com) | 434.979.5610



# FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER + HOUSING HUB



PIEDMONT HOUSING ALLIANCE



The **Financial Opportunity Center + Housing Hub** is a welcoming, friendly place where Charlottesville-area residents can come get hands-on assistance in...

- Climbing the financial ladder
- Improving your housing situation
- Building a brighter future for you and your family!

## CORE SERVICES:

- **Employment Assistance**
  - Support in finding a better job
  - Access to skills & career training
- **1:1 Financial Coaching**
  - Improving your credit
  - Household budgeting
  - Operating a checking account
  - Building up your savings
  - Starting on a path to homeownership
  - Income Stability
- **Income Supports**
  - Childcare scholarships
  - Transportation assistance
  - Screening for public benefits
  - Free income tax filing
- **Housing Navigation**
  - Support in finding affordable housing
  - Access to local housing resources

## CONNECTIONS TO

- Emergency financial assistance
- Resources for preventing eviction & homelessness
- Re-entry supports for the formerly incarcerated
- Refugee/immigrant assistance
- Small business development assistance
- And more!

## FOC + HOUSING HUB

806 E. High St.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Jamari Green, Financial Coach  
(434) 409-5155  
jgrene@piedmonthousing.org

Need Budgeting, Financial Coaching, Housing Navigation, Home Ownership Preparation Activities, etc. ... REACH OUT to the Financial Opportunity Center + Housing Hub or let your FSS Coordinator know, and I can directly connect you with the FOC's Financial Coaches' or Benefits Specialist!



# NOW HIRING



## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS!

Driving **6 hours a day** for Albemarle gives you the full benefit of the **Virginia Retirement System** and eligibility for **Medical and Dental insurance**. Drivers are placed on our Step Scale based on CDL driving experience. The more experience you have, the higher your starting rate will be.

### *For example:*

- A newly hired driver that does *not* have a CDL will receive the starting rate of **\$23.03/hr.** for a minimum of **6 hours a day** while training for their CDL license.
- A military veteran with **7 years** of driving for the Army with a CDL, will be placed on our Bus Driver Step Scale at **\$25.38/hr.**, as their starting rate.
- **25 years** of experience earns **\$32.60/hr.**, and the scale reaches **\$39.05/hr.** for **38 years** of experience.



*Your experience counts when you drive a School Bus for Albemarle County Public Schools, it's what sets us apart!*

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Your future rides with us!*

(434) 973-5716

[www.k12albemarle.org/transportation](http://www.k12albemarle.org/transportation)

[www.k12albemarle.org/jobs](http://www.k12albemarle.org/jobs)





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network

# HIRING EVENT



WorkSource of Charlottesville will be hosting a Hiring Event at our campus. They are looking for housekeepers and janitors.

**May 7th, 2024, Tuesday**  
**10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**Career and Workforce Innovation Campus**  
**944 Glenwood Station Lane**  
**Charlottesville, VA 22901**

**Questions? Contact Phil Samuel —**  
**[philip.samuel@vec.virginia.gov](mailto:philip.samuel@vec.virginia.gov)**  
**[www.vcwpiedmont.com](http://www.vcwpiedmont.com)**

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# JOB FAIR

## Participating Employers



**May 10th 2024**



**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**



**Crozet Library**

**2020 Library Ave, Crozet, VA 22932**



**Resume Help**



**Interview Tips**

**1:00- 2:00 pm**

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At a time when being connected is more important than ever

**Join us for a guided social support group in which you will meet women from different backgrounds, hear their stories, share perspectives, talk about self care, love, relationships and leave with meaningful connections!**

**Scan for  
zoom option**



**Women's Wellness  
Group May 7th @  
11am**

**Blue Ridge Center, 800 Burnet Street  
434.970.1455**

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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**TICN RESILIENCE WEEK**  
**BLOCK PARTY**



**MAY 8TH | 4 - 6pm**

**FREE** food, wellness activities,  
music, and more!

**IX Art Park**

522 2nd St SE STE,  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

**CONTACT:** Marlene Thompson  
(434) 906-4850



**GREATER CHARLOTTESVILLE**  
Trauma-Informed Community Network





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**COMMUNITY BASED PEER SERVICES**

# **COMMUNITY CONNECTION Riverside!**

**Featuring:**

- \*Region 10
- \*Treats
- \*Give aways & more!

**MAY 24TH 4-6PM**

**>OPEN TO EVERYONE**

**GET CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES,  
JOB RESOURCES, ASK QUESTIONS, GET  
INVOLVED OR JUST COME GRAB SOME  
INFORMATION AND A TREAT!!  
(LOCATED AT THE PARK)**

**CONTACT (434)995.8737**



# Men's Group

A space for individual men to meet, connect, and support each other. The topics will vary depending on the needs of the group. This is a space for men to share what is happening in their lives and receive guidance on how to best navigate their situations.

**This group is FREE and refreshments will be provided!**

Join Us!

This Group Will Be Held On:

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
at Region Ten's Blue Ridge Center

Get in Touch

If you have any questions, contact Melvin Wingate using the information listed below.

(434) 972 - 1455

[melvin.wingate@regionten.org](mailto:melvin.wingate@regionten.org)

100 Burnet Street,  
Charlottesville, VA 22902



# Women's Peer Support Group

**Face to face Tuesday 12pm – 1pm**

**Zoom Thursday 11am – 12:30pm**



**A safe, non-judgmental space for women in recovery to support each other.**

**Please contact Teresa Payne at  
434-459-9730  
Or by email at  
[Teresa.payne@regionten.org](mailto:Teresa.payne@regionten.org)**

Here is what's happening at the 5/7 Fifeville Community Health Station.

## **Fifeville Community Health Station**

**Abundant Life House**

**782 Prospect Avenue**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**May 7, 2024**

### **Local Food Hub Produce is Back!**

**Blueberries, Strawberries, Collards, Red Potatoes, & Eggs**

**A1c (blood sugar) & Blood Pressure Checks**

**(UVA School of Nursing)**

**Narcan (Blue Ridge Health District)**

**Help w/ UVA Health Financial Assistance Forms (UVA Health)**

**Medicaid Navigation (Move2Health Equity Coalition)**

**BINGO**



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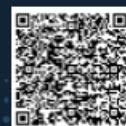


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