



Attachment A: Virginia American Job Center Certification Application

LWDA Name: New River/Mount Rogers

Name of American Job Center: Galax

Comprehensive, Affiliate, or Specialized Status: Affiliate

Address of American Job Center: 1117 E. Stuart Dr., Galax, VA 24343

VA Works Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 8:30am-4:00pm Wed. 9:30am-4:00pm Fri. 8:30am-3:00pm

Hours of American Job Center: _____

Phone Number of American Job Center: VA Works (276) 236-5105

Website of American Job Center: Virginia Career Works Centers - New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board (vcwnewrivermtrogers.com)

Completion Date of the American Job Center Certification Review: 11/08/2024

Certification Period (not to exceed three years): PY24-26

Certifying Body (LWDB or VBWD): LWDB

Signatures of Center Certification Team: _____

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[Signature]

Tina Jones Asst. Dir.

[Signature]

Recommendation: ☒ Certified ☐ Not Certified ☐ Probationary

If Probationary Status specify date that final review must occur by (within 6 months): _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the American Job Center named above has met the certification criteria in this American Job Center Certification Review. I also certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this AJC Certification Tool is correct, and that we have appropriate documentation on file to support the submissions claimed herein.

Printed Name of LWDB/VBWD Chair: Mike Miller

Signature of LWDB/VBWD Chair: [Signature]

Date of Signature: 12/4/24

(For Local Area Certification Only)

Printed Name of Chief Elected Official: Mary Biggs

Signature of Chief Elected Official: Mary W. Biggs

Date of Signature: 12-4-24

Partner Programs Available at the American Job Center

Instructions: For each program listed in the table below, provide the name of the partner administering the program and indicate the number of hours per week the partner is physically present on site and (if applicable) how services are provided if the partner is not located on site. *Access to ALL partner programs is only required for comprehensive centers.* A comprehensive center must have at least one WIOA Title I staff person physically present 100% of the time (20 CFR 678.305).

	Name of Program Provider	Number of staff located in center	Average Number of Hours Physically On-Site Each Week	If program is not physically present describe how services are provided	Program Not in Local Area
*These programs must have a full-time staff physically present at a comprehensive center					
WIOA Title I Adult*	People Inc.				
WIOA Title I Dislocated Workers*	People Inc.				
WIOA Title I Youth*	People Inc.				
WIOA Title III Wagner-Peyser Act*	Virginia Works	7	40		
Jobs for Veterans State Grants*	Virginia Works			Referrals/By Appt.	
**These programs must have a part-time staff physically present at a comprehensive center					
WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act **	Mount Rogers Adult Ed.			Referrals	
WIOA Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation**	DARS			Referrals	
Remaining programs must be accessible from a comprehensive center if the program is available in the local area					
Registered Apprenticeship	Virginia Works			Referrals	
Non-Credit Workforce Training by VCCS	Wytheville Community College			Referrals	
Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare					
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training	Carroll/Grayson Co./Galax City DSS			Referrals	
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Programs					
Trade Adjustment Assistance	Virginia Works			Referrals	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Carroll/Grayson Co./Galax City DSS			Referrals	
WIOA Title I Job Corps	Blue Ridge Job Corp.			Referrals	
WIOA Title I YouthBuild	NRMR WDB			Referrals	
WIOA Title I Native American Programs					

WIOA Title I Migrant and seasonal farmworker programs	Virginia Works			Referrals	
Senior Community Service Employment Program					
Community Services Block Grant Employment and Training					
Housing and Urban Development Employment and Training					
Unemployment Compensation	VEC	2	40		
Reentry Employment Opportunities Second Chance Act					

Confirmation Statement for Comprehensive Center Application:

A comprehensive center must provide (a) all the career services described in 20 CFR 678.430; (b) access to training services described in 20 CFR 680.200; (c) access to any employment and training activities carried out under WIOA Sec 134 (d); (d) access to programs and activities carried out by partners listed in 678.400 through 678.410; and (e) workforce and labor market information.

If applying as a comprehensive center, do the partners in the table above provide all required services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Interviews Conducted

During the onsite certification review, the certification team must conduct staff interviews with applicable staff. Interviewees must include the One-Stop Operator, the local Equal Opportunity Officer, and a random sample of at least 20 percent of the frontline (state and partner) service staff at the center.

Name of Individuals Interviewed	Title of Individual Being Interviewed	Interview Conducted By	Date of Interview
BETH CARRICO	DIR. OF WORKFORCE DEV.	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	11/08/2024
REBECCA HAYNES	VA WORKS OFFICE MANAGER	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	11/08/2024
LINDA KNUCKLES	VEC	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	11/08/2024
SARINA ROGERS	ADULT / YOUTH	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	11/08/2024
VICTORIA BECKER	ADULT / DISLOCATED WORKER	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	11/08/2024
MARTY HOLIDAY	EEO - EXEC. DIR. OF MRNRWDB	DUNNACK/AUSTIN	

Virginia American Job Center Certification Criteria

The center certification team shall assess and determine if the center has met each criteria below by indicating “Meets” or “Not Meets”. **To be certified the center must meet all certification criteria.** If a criteria is not applicable per VBWD policy, write in the evidence section the justification for that determination and leave the “Meets” and “Not Meets” box blank.

Standards		Meets	Not Meets
A. Evaluation of Effectiveness			
A.1	The executed MOU identifies the center as a comprehensive, affiliate, or specialized center and includes all required partners. Reference: WIOA 121 (c) Evidence: The Region's MOU has signatures and Attachment "Bs" for all required partners (pages 30-61) The MOU is in the Synology File for MOUs but can also be viewed on our website: Here	X	
A.2	The AJC has an operating budget and cost sharing agreement and a reconciliation process in place with all partners. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (b) Evidence: The IFA for the Galax Affiliate Center has all required partners participating. It can be found starting on page 62 of the MOU. The IFA methodology for all Affiliate Centers is page 75 of the MOU	X	
A.3	The AJC has a one-stop operator who has oversight of center operations. Reference: 20 CFR 678.620 Evidence: The One-Stop Operator is selected through a competitive bid process (the RFP can be found here). On May 17, 2023 the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board and the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board selected People Inc as the One-Stop Operator. On page 16 of the MOU are the duties of the One-Stop Operator.	X	

Standards		Meets	Not Meets
A.4	The AJC has an inventory containing partner agency contact information and services offered that is available to all center staff. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (b) Evidence: Partner Matrix and VA 211 Quick Guide uploaded to Synology File.	X	
A.5	The AJC has a written process in place to promptly greet all customers, identify their needs and reason for their visit, and quickly connect them to appropriate services. Evidence: The One-Stop System Flow graphic is uploaded into synology here The regional system uses the Eligibility at a Glance document to help with connecting to appropriate services and people. It can be found here	X	
A.6	The AJC integrates available services for customers. <i>Not applicable to new AJCs that have not yet served customers</i> Reference: WIOA Pub L. 113-128 121(g)(2)(B)(ii), 20 CFR 678.800 (b) Evidence: (Review available co-enrollment rates between WIOA Title III Wagner-Peyser and WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth) Co-enrollments are encouraged by the LWDB through the use of Integrated Resource Teams (see the diagram uploaded into synology MOU & Plans). Again, the Eligibility at a Glance document serves as a resource for co-enrollment activity.	X	
A.7	The AJC integrates available services for businesses. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (b) Evidence: (Review Business Services Team members, activities, and job orders) The region has four Business Solution Teams and a Business Service Plan which is uploaded in synology under MOU and Plans found here.	X	

Standards		Meets	Not Meets
A.8	The AJC staff are cross trained on partner programs and can provide basic information on all partners' programs. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (b)	X	
	Evidence: Crossroads Partner Meetings are held the first Thursday of odd-numbered months from 8:30am-10am at the Crossroads Institute. The Partner Matrix and the Eligibility at a Glance document also serves as a resource.		
A.9	Staff at the AJC are aware of the sector strategies and high demand occupation list to meet the needs of the local businesses. Reference: 20 CFR 679.560	X	
	Evidence: The region has been engaged in sector strategy work consistently since 2015. In 2023 we began work on standing up three sector partnerships (information can be found here). The region uses the State's In-Demand Occupation Dashboard with targeted industries found here) and uploaded into synology in MOUs and Plans. : <u>Sector Partnership Orientation</u> was made available to all partner leadership in the region		
A.10	Staff at the AJC are aware and make available high demand career pathways, including occupations and credentials. Reference: 20 CFR 679.560	X	
	Evidence: See A.9 for information on targeted industries and in-demand list. Career Lattices for the industries are being vetted in the Sector Partnerships and can be found here and uploaded in synnology MOU and Plans:		
A.11	The AJC adheres to the use of the official American Job Center logo. Reference: WIOA Sec 121(e)(4) & 20 CFR 678.900	X	
	Evidence: Picture uploaded to Synology File		
	The AJC's regular business hours are clearly visible outside of the AJC building. Reference: 20 CFR 678.305(c)	X	

A.12	Evidence: Virginia Works office hours posted by office doors. Picture uploaded to Synolog File.		
Standards		Meets	Not Meets
A.13	The AJC makes services available to customers outside regular business hours. Reference: 20 678.800 (b) Evidence: The board's website is one way a customer can gain information outside of business hours about programs, locations and regular hours. Job Seekers can find information as well as submit a pre-screening application (found here) and businesses can also find information about available services here.	×	
A.14	There is at least one Title I staff member present at the AJC at all times during business hours. <i>Not applicable to affiliate or specialized AJCs.</i> Reference: 20 CFR 678.305(a) Evidence: Timesheets uploaded to Synology File.	×	
A.15	The AJC includes customer feedback when evaluating the effectiveness of the center. <i>Not applicable to new AJCs that have not yet served customers.</i> Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (a)(2) Evidence: Customer survey uploaded to Synology File.	×	
A.16	The AJC includes employer feedback when evaluating the effectiveness of the center. <i>Not applicable to new AJCs that have not yet served customers.</i> Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 (a)(2) Evidence: Employer survey uploaded to Synology File. The region's BSU put on many events for employers and after each event request feedback. Here is a sampling from the <u>2024</u> events (thus far).	×	
A.17	Corrective action plans are being implemented to address any programmatic or administrative compliance findings.	×	

	<i>Not applicable to new AJCs that have not yet served customers.</i> Reference: WIOA Section 188; 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: This center does not have any corrective action plans in place at this time.		
B. Evaluations of Physical and Programmatic Accessibility			
	Standards	Meets	Not Meets
B.1	The local Equal Opportunity Officer periodically reviews policies and procedures regarding accessibility and equal opportunity and provides access to available training and updates to staff at the AJC. Reference: WIOA 188 29 CFR Part 38 Evidence: <i>Review most recent EO Report Items #4 & #5(#4 Does the EO Officer process discrimination complaints? Does the EO Officer conduct desk and on-site EO monitoring visits to service providers and contractors to ensure its contractors are not violating their nondiscrimination obligations? Does the EO officer provide EO training to staff? #5 What EO training has been provided to staff within the LWDA and to service providers?)</i> This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center). Documents are uploaded in Synology under EO Policies and Procedures.	×	
	The AJC includes the required Equal Opportunity tagline on all documents or includes a link or QR code to the EO tagline. Reference: WIOA 188 29 CFR Part 38 Evidence: <i>Review most recent EO Report Items #7 & #9 (#7 Where are the EO Notice posters displayed and in what languages? #9 Is the appropriate tagline included in brochures, pamphlets, flyers, electronic/oral marketing?)</i> This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center). Flyer/Customer Handout uploaded to Synology file.	×	
B.3	AJC staff communicate with persons with disabilities as effectively as with others. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(4), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: <i>Review most recent EO Report Item #11 (#11 What efforts does the LWDB make to ensure that communications within the local area VaWC system with individuals with disabilities are just as effective as communications with others?)</i> This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).	×	
	The AJC is physically accessible. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(6), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38	×	

Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #19 & #22 (#19 Does the LWDB have an ADA accessibility survey on file? Provide copy #22 Are the Centers accessible to individuals with disabilities?) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).		
Standards	Meets	Not Meets
B.5 The AJC prohibits employment discrimination by the LWDB and its partners. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(2), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #23 (#23 Describe efforts to prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices by the LWDB and its partners.) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).	X	
B.6 The AJC administers programs in the most integrated setting possible. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(3), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #24 (#24 Is the LWDB aware that programs and activities must be administered in the most integrated settings possible.) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).	X	
B.7 The AJC has auxiliary aids and services, including assistive technology devices and services, where necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, the program or activity. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(5), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #25 (#25 Describe the availability of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities.) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).	X	
B.8 The AJC staff provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800(b)(1), WIOA Sec 188, 29 CFR part 38 Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #28 & #29 (#28 How is it made known that reasonable accommodations will be provided? #29 Please describe any reasonable accommodations that have been provided for applicants or participants with disabilities.) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).	X	
B.9 The AJC has a written process in place for customers to file Equal Opportunity complaints or grievances and a process for	X	

	addressing any complaints or grievances.		
	Reference: WIOA 188, 29 CFR Part 38		
	Evidence: Review most recent EO Report Item #34 & #37 (#34 What discrimination complaint policies and procedures are used in the LWDA? Provide copies of policy and procedures #37 Describe the LWDB practice or procedures for service providers when they receive a discrimination complaint from their participants.) This center had an EO review from the State in April 2024 and had no findings (for the center).		
C. Continuous Improvement			
Standards		Meets	Not Meets
	The AJC regularly reviews performance data to identify strategies and set goals to improve outcomes. (For new AJCs that do not yet have performance data to evaluate, review the written plan that will be implemented to review performance data.)	X	
C.1	Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 c Evidence: Center activities are reviewed by the WDB at each meeting (as presented by the One-Stop Operator). A monthly report can be found here Federal performance is negotiated with VDWDA staff (State) and monitored by the Compliance and Procedure Coordinator. Negotiated rates for PY24 & Y25 can be found here .		
	The AJC has a written process in place to elicit and respond to customer, employer, and partner feedback. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 c	X	
C.2	Evidence: EO is the Law signage posted with EO Officers information EEO-EO Hot Spot – Grievance Policy Job Service Complaint System Discrimination Procedures		
	The AJC has a written plan for systematic staff development and cross-program training. Reference: 20 CFR 678.800 c	X	
C.3	Evidence: Partner Meetings Weekly Training Webinars Mandatory Annual Training Quarterly Regional Workforce System Management meetings take place to keep the lines of communication open		