

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Texas Workforce Commission - http://www.twc.state.tx.us/

State agency that provides different workforce resources. This includes a job search function with customizable searches based on location, occupation, and agency. It also has resources for career exploration, workforce training and education opportunities, and help with unemployment (application, payments, estimates).

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas - http://www.austingoodwill.org/wds/job_source.html (512)707-6894

Job Source offers assistance through various programs for persons seeking entry into the workforce who have a disadvantaging condition, such as limited access to employment, education, housing or health care. These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion.

GOODWILL JOB SOURCE WILL:

- Help you with your job search
- Help you generate weekly job leads
- Keep you up-to-date with employment opportunities

Austin Area Urban League - http://www.aaul.org/

(512) 478-7176

Provides computer training, employability skills workshops, professional development and job placement assistance to unemployed, underemployed, low-income and minority clients. It also helps give clients direct access to employers through job fairs and other listings. Their adult education and job readiness programs can also make a client more marketable to potential employers.

Ascend Austin - http://www.ascendaustin.org/programs/

(512) 326-8655

Ascend Austin provides different levels of education and job preparation that take place in this sequence:

- Adult Basic Education (in preparation for the GED education program).
- GED to Work Program (GED education paired with the Job Readiness program)
- Job Readiness (includes learning a variety of skills and strategies to obtain and retain employment as well as computer literacy. Classes Include Business Communications, Computer Literacy, Job Search Skills, Business Math, Resume Writing, and Interviewing Skills).

Eligibility for Ascend's programming is based on income requirements. See Ascend's Q&A for a detailed breakdown of the income limitations.

Skillpoint Alliance - http://www.skillpointalliance.org/the-programs/

(512) 323-6773

Skillpoint's <u>Gateway program</u> offers training to high-school students and un/under-employed adults in programs like healthcare, construction technologies, and office administration. Potential students must apply to be a part of this program.

Skillpoint's <u>Empower program</u> offers low-cost computer literacy courses. It also provides help with workforce development, including: job search; resume and cover letter assistance; interview preparation; and other career resources. Students must attend an orientation before taking courses or seeking workforce development.

<u>Workforce Solutions</u> - <u>http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/</u>

(512) 381-4200

Works on connecting employers to the clients they serve. Clients will have assistance with job search and other available resources, including career services and development. Workforce also provides a connection to programs for eligible individuals focused on job search and skills training.

<u>Lifeworks</u> - http://www.lifeworksaustin.org/

(512) 735-2400

Provides workforce education and life-skills training to young adults transitioning out of foster care. It also provides GED and literacy courses to adults seeking to pass these milestones.