

THE VERMONT RETURNSHIP PROGRAM

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RETURNSHIPS

What are they, and how do they work?



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Assessments / Case Management
- Workshops
- Returnship Development
- Matching!

LOOKING TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE OR REINVENT YOUR CAREER? WE CAN GET YOU BACK TO WORK!



A4TD ASSOCIATES FOR TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT THE VERMONT RETURNSHIP PROGRAM





WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

Every workshop participant has reported measurable increases in:

Clarity of occupational goal

Knowledge of employment options

 Level of comfort accessing & utilizing http://www.vtlmi.info/

• Level of confidence in job search



WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

Pre-Workshop

- Dread
- Confusion
- Fear
- Anxiety
- Apprehension
- Overwhelming
- Curiosity
- Possibility
- Excitement

Post-Workshop

- Opportunity
- Encouragement
- Exhilaration
- Anxiety
- Pride
- Curiosity
- Possibility
- Excitement

Nonprofit Launches Program To Help People Return To Work

The Vermont Department of Labor and Associates for Training and Development (A4TD) partner in announcing the launch of the Vermont Returnship Program, an innovative project designed to address Vermont's skilled labor shortages and pair employers with experienced workers.

A "returnship" is a position similar to an internship, designed specifically for adults with previous experience in the workplace who have taken time away from their careers and seek to reenter the workforce. The Vermont Returnship Program mitigates the shrinking of the state's workforce by bringing back into work those who are not currently engaged, and retaining those who are otherwise poised to retire. Participants will receive assessments, job coaching and workshops that empower them to identify and apply for jobs about which they are passionate, and chart their course toward employment. Participants will then be matched with employers seeking talent, in a "returnship" opportunity which A4TD will help the employer develop. This program is accessible to any person with significant workplace experience; it does not have the eligibility restrictions commonly seen in other workforce development projects, such as age, income, or employment status. The program is exclusive to Vermont residents and available state-

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A4TD, a private non-profit corporation headquartered in St. Albans, operates statewide in Vermont and in 5 states across the northeast. A4TD has a 35-year history of workforce development and training program administration, including the popular Senior Community Service Employment Program, which provides paid internships to job seekers age 55±.

To learn more about the Vermont Returnship Program, or any of A4TD's program offerings, visit www.a4td.org/.

LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED WORKERS TO REINVIGORATE YOUR TEAM?

WE CAN HELP YOU FIND THEM!



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From Associates for Training and Development

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