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**CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA BOARD APPROVES PLAN TO FURTHER ENHANCE FLORIDIANS'  
ACCESS TO WORKFORCE TRAINING AND UPSKILLING**

**Daytona Beach, FL** – On Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors approved the next steps in a multi-year comprehensive plan to consolidate Florida's 24 local workforce development boards to better serve Floridians in need of employment services, job training and upskilling. The plan also includes overall statewide system improvements and enhanced regional planning.

The consolidation and system improvements were required components of the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act, passed by the Florida legislature and signed into law by Governor DeSantis in 2021. Through 10 months of collaboration among CareerSource Florida, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the REACH Office, the Department of Education and contracted services through Ernst & Young, three options for alignment and consolidation of the state's local workforce development boards were presented for consideration.

The CareerSource Florida Board of Directors approved the plan to reduce the 24 local workforce boards to 21 boards, affecting ten local workforce development areas through realignment or consolidation. This includes the consolidation of the CareerSource Flagler Volusia and CareerSource Brevard workforce boards to form one new workforce development area covering all three counties.

"CareerSource Flagler Volusia and CareerSource Brevard share the same values and focus," **said CareerSource Flagler Volusia President and CEO Robin King.** "Merging talent and resources will allow us to explore opportunities to develop innovative ways to serve our business community and the workforce throughout the tri-county area."

"Florida is a national leader in ensuring our workforce system is responsive to the needs of our businesses and job seekers and we look forward to partnering with the CareerSource Brevard

Board of Directors as we move into this new phase,” **said Nancy Bradley, Chair of CareerSource Flagler Volusia’s Board of Directors.** “We have the opportunity to continue to better anticipate and meet the needs of our local industries both in our community and regionally.”

The REACH Act also includes regional planning among the local workforce boards that will ensure access to workforce training options; collaboration among economic, education, and governmental agencies; flexibility in allocating resources to businesses and workforce development; and opportunities for businesses to partner within their industry clusters, all while never decreasing access to services for job seekers and businesses.

“This is an opportunity to strengthen and expand our services to ultimately serve our communities in a much broader capacity,” **said Marci Murphy, President of CareerSource Brevard,** “With the merging of teams comes new perspectives, new strengths and new opportunities, as well as the ability to refine and standardize aspects of our operations.”

The alignment and consolidation recommendations are posted on [careersourceflorida.com](http://careersourceflorida.com) for public comment and will be forwarded to the Governor for consideration. Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Governor is responsible for designating local workforce development areas served by local workforce development boards.

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CareerSource Flagler Volusia offers tools to find jobs and advance careers for residents of Flagler and Volusia. On average, the organization provides nearly 1818 job seekers each month with services such as an online job bank, career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, career assessments and internships. It also assists an average of 718 businesses annually with recruitment, retention and training. CareerSource Flagler Volusia is fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$10,635,835. For more information, visit [CareerSourceFV.com](http://CareerSourceFV.com)

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