



# The Abrams Agenda



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## Local Agency's Mission: Assist Employers, Career Seekers & Veterans

Over the past year, the Palm Beach County unemployment rate dropped to 4.8 percent, the lowest since 2007. This drop represents a decrease of 7.2 percent from the 12 percent peak rate in 2010 during the Great Recession. In addition, Palm Beach County gained 13,900 jobs in 2014, with the highest growth levels in education/health services, professional services, construction, and hospitality.

This information was provided by CareerSource Palm Beach County, a nonprofit, state-funded agency, located in Palm Beach County, that provides job placement, training, coaching and so much more. The staff works directly with career seekers and employers to connect businesses with local talent.

If you are an employer looking to hire, CareerSource can provide services such as recruiting, with prescreening and interviews at either your location or one of its facilities. The agency can also provide training for new or existing employees, outplacement assistance and salary information. Moreover, the majority of these services are free of charge.

For career seekers, CareerSource offers numerous classes, career development and consulting/placement services, and grants for job training for those who qualify – all at no cost. Schedules of workshops and employers who are interviewing are posted on the website, [CareerSource Palm Beach County](http://CareerSourcePalmBeachCounty.com).

Additionally, services are provided for persons with disabilities, and U.S. military veterans can speak with representatives to learn about priority of service for veterans. This past year, CareerSource received a Seal of Distinction Award from the Call of Duty Endowment for demonstrating best-in-class practices and results in placing veterans in high quality careers. The honor included a \$30,000 grant to help U.S. military veterans find work.



CareerSource Center on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach

CareerSource also works with convicted felons in obtaining employment that includes tax credit and incentive programs for employers and a [federal bonding program](#).

In 2013 and 2014, CareerSource Palm Beach County assisted more than 28,000 residents in finding employment. The average annual salaries for these jobs created nearly \$560 million in economic impact.

Whether you are seeking employment or an employer looking to hire, I highly recommend that you contact CareerSource. More information on programs and services is available at [CareerSource Palm Beach County](http://CareerSourcePalmBeachCounty.com) and/or the following locations:

Central Career Center, 2400 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, 561-340-1060

West Career Center, 1085 South Main Street, Belle Glade, 561-829-2040



Career Source Center's workstations open to the public