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CareerSource Suncoast Heading to Tallahassee for Workforce Development Day

Sarasota, Fla. — CareerSource Suncoast will join workforce leaders, educators, and policymakers from across the state on January 27, 2026, for Workforce Development Day at the Florida Capitol, a statewide day of advocacy dedicated to strengthening Florida's talent pipeline and highlighting the impact of workforce initiatives in local communities.

For CareerSource Suncoast, which serves Manatee and Sarasota counties, the event is an opportunity to highlight local successes and ensure the needs of the Suncoast region are represented in statewide conversations about the future of work in our community.

CareerSource Suncoast CEO Josh Matlock emphasized the importance of being present at the Capitol at a time when Florida's workforce system is rapidly evolving. "This is an important moment for workforce development in Florida," said Matlock. "Every region has unique economic strengths and challenges, and Workforce Development Day allows us to bring those stories directly to the policymakers shaping our state's future. Our team is proud to represent the Suncoast and highlight the incredible work happening in Manatee and Sarasota counties."

CareerSource Suncoast plans to share updates on regional training initiatives, and employer partnerships that support key industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, and the skilled trades.

During meetings with legislators and state officials, CareerSource Suncoast leaders will emphasize the necessity of continued investment in skills training, apprenticeship expansion, and supportive services that help local job seekers overcome barriers to employment. Matlock noted that this advocacy is essential for maintaining a thriving regional economy.

"Our employers need qualified talent, and our residents need pathways to family-sustaining careers," said Matlock. "The policies we discuss in Tallahassee have a direct impact on our communities—on the businesses we serve, the people looking for jobs, and the families striving for economic security. We're here to ensure the Suncoast voice is at the table."

CareerSource Suncoast's participation in Workforce Development Day underscores the organization's commitment to advancing economic opportunity for the region. By



engaging directly with policymakers, the organization aims to help shape workforce strategies that expand access to training, promote job growth, and support employers in building the skilled teams they need to thrive.

CareerSource Suncoast connects talent to opportunity across Sarasota and Manatee counties, partnering with employers and job seekers to drive a stronger regional economy. Services are provided at no cost and are supported by state and federal resources. Learn more at careersourcesuncoast.com.

This program is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture. CareerSource Suncoast is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers on this document may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711.

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