

## The MaineLinks

### What to know...

Basic [pathways to employment](#) can involve several choices. The most common first choice is to complete [High School or it's equivalence](#). This single choice opens many pathways that maybe closed off to those that did not gain a diploma.

Pathway 1. [Workforce Training Certificate](#)

Pathway 2. [Community College](#) Degree or Certificate

Pathway 3. [University](#) Degree

Pathway 4. [Organized Labor Training/Apprenticeship Certificate](#)

Pathway 5. [Military](#)

However, there are a [variety of potentially easy and high-quality jobs](#) out there that [don't require a high school diploma or GED](#).

These jobs can range from [customer service](#) to [construction](#), as well as [entry-level](#) roles that can lead to [high-paying](#) positions with experience.

The [career pathway](#) you decide you want to take will lead you on a journey. [This journey is in perpetual motion](#) with feedback to every new level you decide to take. In essence, you start by [discovery yourself](#) and [making a portfolio of who you are](#). Then comes the [career exploration](#) and [where to go next](#). After which you need to [develop your skills](#) filling in those needs that your [career choice](#) requires, and finally [persueing your goals](#) with descriptions of how you got there. Remember, this is a loop, as you discover your goals a person [generally evaluates](#) on where they started and where they've gone; you start again to discover more about yourself and so on.

The [8th Annual Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign](#) for 2022 is nearly open. Come join us at the [kick-off event](#) as we welcome nearly 300 employers and resource providers to the [Augusta Civic Center](#) on August 18th from 10 am to 3 pm. This event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Federal Workshop** – [Tips for Job Seekers](#) – 8/10 – Preregistration

**Federal Workshop** – [Resume Webinar](#) – 8/17 - Preregistration

### August is:

[Happiness Happens Month](#) - Happiness Happens is a [celebration and encouragement](#) for people to take a look at their lives and try to share the little things that make them happy each day with others. [Happiness is a choice](#). Remembering happiness does not mean you are problem free. Happiness is not a destination, but rather a [life-long pursuit](#). Joy can be anywhere at any time. Enjoy everything and anything that makes you happy.

### Notable Quote:

“The only way to do great work is to do what you love. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking, Don't settle.” —[Steve Jobs](#)



### Training Talk!

Have you ever [wanted to work for yourself](#)? Maine is one of the top states for entrepreneurs with [lots of resources](#) to [help you succeed](#). Here are [the basics to help you get started](#):

1. [Know your Market!](#) – “What are you going to do?”
2. [Write a Business Plan](#)
3. [Business Funding](#) – Assess your finances
4. [Location, location, location](#)
5. Select a [Legal Structure](#)
6. Select a [Business Name](#), then [protect it!](#)
7. [Register](#) your new business
8. Your business needs [a Federal](#) and [State tax ID](#)
9. [Apply](#) for [licenses and permits](#)
10. [Business Banking](#)

[Veterans](#), you have the added benefit of attending the [Boots to Business/SBA 2 Day Entrepreneurial Training for Vets](#)

**Hiring Events:** (Click on the “Hiring Events” link for full list)

8/16 - [Lewiston CareerCenter Outside Hiring Event](#)

8/18 – [Augusta 8th Annual Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign](#)

8/20 – [Bath Iron Works Drive-Thru Event](#) at L/A Harley Davidson

8/22 & 23 - [Bath Iron Works Walk In Event](#) at the Augusta Civic Center

8/23 - [Community Health and Counseling Services](#) in Bangor

**Workshops:** (click on the “Workshops” link for more)

Pre-register online for these virtual opportunities:

8/16 – [Navigating Hiring Process for Individuals w/Criminal History](#)

8/16 - [Maine's Employment & Training Program Info Session](#)

### and MORE!

It is recommended that claimants take advantage of CareerCenter services. [CareerCenters are back open to the public](#) on specific days and times. The CareerCenter can also be reached by email at [MaineDOL.CareerCenter@maine.gov](#), by phone/text at 207-623-7981, or by live-chat at <https://www.MaineCareerCenter.gov>

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