



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Announcing the 2015 Counseling for Careers Regional Workshops

The Virginia Department of Education, in cooperation with the Southern Region Education Board (SREB), is pleased to offer four one-day workshops focusing on Counseling for Careers. Counseling for Careers is an organized structure that connects students to a career goal, as well as a high school and postsecondary program of study—all necessary for acquiring the knowledge and skills to succeed. Counseling for Careers provides a set of learning experiences that enables students to create a meaningful vision for a successful future and the program of study for achieving that vision.

During the workshop, school/division teams will

- explore the educational and economic contexts for developing effective Counseling for Careers initiatives in their schools,
- examine seven essential Counseling for Careers strategies identified as best practices, and
- determine Counseling for Careers priorities and next steps based on an action planning process.

The four regional workshops are scheduled as follows:

November 18 – Culpeper County – Eastern View High School
November 20 – Botetourt County – Greenfield Education and Training Center
December 8 – Cumberland County – Luther P. Jackson Education Center
December 10 – Williamsburg/James City County – Warhill High School

School divisions are invited to send a team of up to five participants to the workshop, including teachers, administrators, and at least one school counselor. The SREB trainer, workshop materials, and lunch will be provided by the Virginia Department of Education. Pre-registration is required for the division team and must be completed [online](#) by November 9, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Judith Sams, workshop coordinator, Office of Career and Technical Education, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3119.

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