



***King's Bay Hot Topics Workshop  
King's Bay, GA  
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**Summary**

MSCCN attended the King's Bay, GA Fleet and Family Support Center's (FFSC) Monthly Hot Topics Workshop on May 27, 2010. This month's topic was "Employment and Training Opportunities for Military Spouses" and MSCCN was asked to make a presentation about our services.

Beth Hubbard led the training and the focus was Beyond the FFSC - Spouse Opportunities and Resources. The panel members included:

Faith Copeland-Pittman, Employer Marketing Representative, GA Department of Labor

Christine Daniel, President/CEO, Camden County Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Blevins, Outreach Coordinator, MSCCN

Other resources that were shared:

Navy College Office (912) 573-4527

Child Development Home Information, Carole Andriola, (912) 573-8500

Georgia Work Ready Assessment, Laura Fish (912) 510-3327

Adecco Career Connections

Military to Medicine

Faith Copeland started the panel discussion with information about the GA Department of Labor Office and Services. They have a certified resume writer on staff and many other specialists available to offer employment advice. They also offer a summer work program and a program for job seekers 55 and over. They can help people apply for WIA scholarships and have an on-the-job training program called Georgia Works. This is a six-week program for individuals on unemployment who want to work and gain training in a field.

Chris Daniel, with the Chamber of Commerce, presented their services. They provide the Georgia Work Ready skills assessment test. The test consists of 3 parts, 55 minutes each that test your proficiency level in different areas. You can retake the test and there is gap training available to help you improve your level. This certification is transferable between states and is beneficial to have on your resume to give employers an understanding of your skills. Camden County is a Work Ready County and many positions have a skill level that you are required to meet. The Chamber also provides a Leadership Camden program, small business development assistance, and works with Satilla Temps for hiring.

We also presented information on MSCCN including information on our Gateway for posting your resume and searching for job openings. The attendees were especially interested in our virtual training seminars. We also shared information on how to effectively follow up with contacts to develop your network.

This workshop was a wonderful way for job seekers to get information from many different services all in one place and is a format that we should replicate for other events. Every service agency was dedicated to helping job seekers and working together to share employment resources and ideas.

Cost: None

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