

## The MaineLinks

### What to know...

[American Red Cross](#) babysitting and [childcare courses](#) can help you provide [quality care to children](#) of all ages. Developed by experts in the industry, the [online and in-person courses](#) are available to those ages 11 and older and include topics such as choosing [age-appropriate activities](#), basic [childcare](#), like bottle feeding, [child behavior](#), leadership, professionalism, safety, [starting a babysitting business](#), and more.

### Veterans Corner:

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) recognizes the strength and contributions of the Nation's nearly 1 million [military spouses](#) on Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The Department's [Veteran and Military Spouse Talent Engagement Program \(VMSTEP\)](#) helps Veterans, transitioning Service members, and [military spouses](#) [develop](#) competitive applications to secure employment with VA. These services include:

- [Federal resume support](#) and revisions.
- Interview preparation and advice.
- [Guidance on dressing for success](#).
- Assistance navigating the Federal Government's official employment website [USAJobs](#).

### Training Talk!

The [Office of Aging and Disability Services](#) is opening [applications for grants](#) to assist persons to complete Assistive Technology Professional certification. Certification is through the [Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America](#) (RESNA) and the grants are funded by the [American Rescue Plan](#). The applications are available 06/01/2024 until 06/30/2024. Grants of up to \$2,000 will be [awarded to support](#) completion of [the ATP certification requirements](#). Applicants should be **within 6 months' time of completing all qualifying criteria** for the certification. Expenses must be directly related to [the completion of certification](#) criteria. Examples include:

- RESNA Membership
- ATP Exam Fees
- ATP Exam Prep Fees
- [Childcare while applicant is engaged in the training](#)
- [Mileage reimbursement](#) for contact hours when travel exceeds 30 miles one way
- [Other expenses](#) directly related to obtaining certification; Review Committee will determine whether expenses meet the criteria

### Notable Quote:

"That [person who helps others](#) simply because it should be or must be done, and because it is [the right thing to do](#), is indeed without a doubt, a real [superhero](#)." – Stan Lee



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**Hiring Events:** (Click on the "[Hiring Events](#)" link for full list)

6/3—[L.L. Bean Hiring Event at the Lewiston CareerCenter](#)

6/5—[Portland CareerCenter 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Hiring Event](#)

6/6—[Downtown Brunswick Hiring Event Sponsored by the Southern Midcoast CareerCenter and the Town of Brunswick](#)

**Workshops:** (click on the "[Workshops](#)" link for more)

Pre-register online for these virtual [opportunities](#):

6/20—[Searching for Work: 55+ With or Without Health & Physical Restriction by Maine's Workforce Collaborative](#)

6/25—[How to Effectively Apply/Compete for Federal Jobs Courtesy of the US Department of Labor](#)

7/5—[Navigating Hiring Process for Individuals with a Criminal History by Maine's Workforce Collaborative](#)

### **CareerCorner: June- Solar Photovoltaic Installer**

A [solar photovoltaic \(PV\) installer](#) works in the [clean energy sector](#) to install and maintain solar energy systems. PV installers are [responsible](#) for determining solar energy needs, designing appropriate systems for each client, [assembling and installing modules](#), and applying weather-proof sealants. Most PV installers require a [high school diploma](#) or [equivalent](#), and some may require an [associate degree](#) or [short-term training](#). Many PV installers receive [on-the-job training](#) through apprenticeships. [Clean energy is a rapidly growing](#) sector with a [bright outlook](#) in [Maine](#) and beyond. According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the median annual salary for solar photovoltaic installers in 2023 was \$48,800.

### **and MORE!**

The [Maine Women's Network](#) is a statewide nonprofit organization with [multiple chapters](#), including Androscoggin, [Midcoast, and Portland](#). When you become a member, your [membership is statewide](#). Through monthly chapter meetings, [statewide events](#) and other programming, Maine Women's Network represents and supports hundreds of [women in business](#) across the state.

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