



2023  
**October**  
News, Events & Highlights



**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
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#### MONTHLY INSPIRATION

Recognizing  
*Amerikey Locksmith*



"The OJT program helps individuals who have some barriers that may make it difficult for them to find a job/career.

This program is great not only for an employee, but for us, the employer. It encourages the employer to hire through this program, and encourages the employee to stay through the probation period by giving them incentives such as bonuses and a new career!

One of the barriers our now employee, Joey was going through is he was having a hard time finding a job that provided enough income to support he and his mother, which he is the sole financial provider of. He was struggling to pay the bills and rent, and would have to move soon if he couldn't find a way to make rent.

*A little background story from Joey: He lives in Pasco county. He came from a sales position in selling mattresses. He wanted to learn a trade and work with his hands, however, he had no background in it.*

This is where CareerSource Pasco Hernando comes in. We learned about the OJT program through Marianne (a CareerSource Pasco Hernando team member), and wanted to give it a shot.

Once we interviewed Joey, we knew he would be a great fit for Amerikey Locksmith. We trained him from the ground up, and is now very knowledgeable in the locksmithing industry. Some of the things he has learned are residential and commercial lock installs, car keys, panic bars, hinges, house and car lockouts and much more!

Joey is an amazing employee with a great attitude, always willing to learn and help others, team player, fast learner, respectful, and always receives positive feedback from customers.

We are so grateful for the OJT program for finding such a great individual and placing him in our path, and also for providing these types of opportunities for individuals who are trying to find a career, but have some barriers making it a little difficult in landing high-quality employment.

We would love to find another employee, such as Joey through the OJT program to add to our team, as we will be opening our second location soon!

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT

(Rates Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Pasco: 3.6%**  
**Hernando: 4.0%**  
**Florida: 3.1%**  
**United States: 3.9%**

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#### Our Mission Statement:

Pasco Hernando Workforce Board enhances economic development efforts of our region by providing a well-trained, high quality workforce which supports the success of local business and improves the quality of life.

#### Our Vision Statement:

To serve as a catalyst in the community for promoting self-sufficiency through the development of a quality workforce.

#### Organizational Values:

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