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**JUMPSTART'S EMPLOYMENT ROUND-UP EVENT TO CONNECT WACO UNEMPLOYED
WITH JOBS AND RESOURCES IN COLLABORATION WITH PROSPER WACO**

WACO, Texas—Job seekers in Waco can get connected with potential employers at Jumpstart's *Employment Round-Up* Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The *Employment Round-Up* is an interviewing and referral event. Applicants will be screened, tested and referred directly to employers, if eligible. The event will be held at the Family of Faith Worship Center from 9 a.m. to noon.

"The greatest need for people in our community is jobs with higher wages. We have so many working poor who come to our church looking for assistance," Lead Pastor at Family of Faith Worship Center Ruben Andrade Jr. said.



Applicants will be screened and interviewed by Jumpstart staff.

Events like this, driven by the community partners within the Prosper Waco initiative, will address the initiative's Employment and Income goals across Waco.

"The Waco Foundational Employment Network is a group of social service agencies, staffing agencies and employers who collaborate to build a referral network to assist community members in finding and keeping full-time jobs," said director of communication for Prosper Waco Christina Helmick.

Some employers at the event will consider applicants who were formerly incarcerated. Many positions will pay between \$9-12 per hour and offer employee benefits.

Mary Gonzalez, 61, and Maxima Rivera, 27, are North Waco community members who will attend.

"I'm not going to get a job. I'm going because I need a better job that can actually help me support my family," Gonzalez said.

Rachel Thomas, account executive for Jumpstart, will be available for interviews.

For more information, visit www.campusjobxpress.com/roundup, or call Prosper Waco at 254-741-0081.

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Jumpstart is a collaborative state-funded program that aims to connect employees to employment opportunities by equipping participants with the knowledge, tools and expertise to manage and compete in today's ever-changing workforce environment.

Prosper Waco is a collective impact initiative that collaborates and builds upon the efforts of nonprofits, businesses, government agencies, religious organizations, civic groups and community members to measurably improve the lives of people of the Greater Waco community.