

#### 2024 Workforce Development Board

#### **Meeting Schedule**

Full Board	• Tuesday 9:00 am	Location to Be Determined	OPEN TO THE PUBLIC			
March 12 <sup>st</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	December 17 <sup>th</sup>			
Executive Committee			Wednesday 9:00 am Meeting			
February 21 <sup>th</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 20 <sup>th</sup>			
Business Development Committee Friday 9:00 am Meeting						
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Disability Committee		we	ednesday 10:30 am Meeting			
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Healthcare Committee			Tuesday 3:00 pm Meeting			
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Literacy Committee			Tuesday 2:30 pm Meeting			
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>			
Fiscal /Membership Committee Thursday 9:00 am Meeting						
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	September 5 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>			
One Stop Oversight Committee Wednesday 2:30 pm Meeting						
February 7 <sup>st</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Youth Investment Council Tuesday 4:00 pm Meeting						
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	December 17 <sup>th</sup>			

#### **Tentative Board and Sub-Committee Meeting Dates**

The above list contains the tentative Board and Committee meeting dates for 2024. Please be aware that the dates and times are subject to change, therefore members and those who wish to attend are responsible for checking the website or contacting the Board Liaison. Final agendas will be posted and emailed prior to each meeting.

#### Executive Committee

James T. Drew, H.R. Compliance Partner 1 Borgata Way Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa Atlantic City, NJ 08401

#### Chairperson

Committees: Business Development Fiscal/Membership, One Stop Oversight Maryann McGhee Training and Development Manager Hard Rock Casino Hotel Atlantic City, NJ 08401

#### Vice Chairperson

Committees: Business Development , Co-Chair One Stop Oversight Committee

Michael A. Pompei Regional Director of Human Resources Caesars Entertainment 2100 Pacific Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Secretary/Treasurer Committee: Business Development Fiscal/Membership

#### Max Slusher

Director Business Development Atlantic County Economic Alliance 600 Aviation Boulevard Suite 120 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 **Chair, Business Development Committee**  Tim W. Kreischer Coordinator Shared Services Atlantic County Government 1333 Atlantic Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 **Chair**, Disability Committee Dan Konczyk UFCW Local 152 3120 Fire Road Unit #201 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 Chair, Fiscal/ Membership Committee

Alan Beatty Vice President Human Resources 100 Medical Center Way Shore Medical Center Somers Point, NJ 08244 **Chair**, Healthcare Committee Business Development

#### Mark Ford,

Executive Director Enphront Veterans Services 210 F North Massachusetts Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Chair, One Stop Oversight Committee Patricia J. Constantino (Retired) Executive Director, Pathstone Corporation 78 W. Landis Avenue Suite C Vineland, NJ 08360 **Chair, Literacy Committee, Ad Hoc** 

Gregory A. Freelon CEO/Owner Windy Crest Media 2 Hemlock Court Mays Landing, NJ 08234 Chair, Youth Investment Council

#### WDB Full Board Members

Neal Bellinger Marketing and Sales Coordinator South Jersey Industries 1 S. Jersey Plaza Folsom, NJ 08037 Committee: Business Development

#### Dan Brown

President and CEO Atlantic City Rescue Mission 2009 Bacharach Blvd Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Youth Investment Council, Membership

Michael Chait President Greater Atlantic City Chamber P.O. Box 748 Northfield ,NJ 08225 Committee: Business Development Committee

Joseph Calio CEO Resdel Corporation 174 Route 50 Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Committee: Business Development Committee

Parina Desai Sales and Service Manager TD Bank 1120 Tilton Road Northfield, NJ 08225 Committee: Fiscal / Membership

Kelly A. DeCurtis Atlantic City Electric/Exelon Corp. 5100 Harding Hwy Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Committee: Youth Investment Council, Ad Hoc Geoffrey F. Dorsey CEO and Owner Dorsey Construction 718 N. Harrisburg Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Youth Investment Council

Roy Foster, IBEW 351 Assistant Business Manager 933 Morningside Drive Mays Landing, NJ 08330 <u>Committee: Fiscal/Membership</u>

Dr. Barbara Gaba, President Atlantic Cape Community College 5100 Black Horse Pike Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Committee: Youth Investment Council, Literacy

Sandra L. Foyil Director Human Resources Seaview, A Dolce Hotel 401 South New York Road Galloway, NJ 08205 Committee: Fiscal/ Membership Committee

Forrest Gilmore Director Family and Community Development 1333 Atlantic Avenue 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: One Stop Oversight Committee

Dr. Philip J. Guenther Superintendent, ACIT and SSSD 5080 Atlantic Avenue Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Committee: Youth Investment Council Healthcare, Literacy Elaine Hawkes Co-Owner Hawkes Janitorial 1425 North Main Street Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Committee: Literacy

#### Thomas Jennings

Owner, Jennings Funeral Home 501 South New Road Pleasantville, NJ 08234 Committee: One Stop Oversight

#### Dan Kellv

CEO, Community Quest Inc. 6814 Tilton Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 Committee: Healthcare

Daniel F. Konczyk UFCW local 152 Secretary-Treasurer 3120 Fire Road, Suite 201 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 <u>Committee: None</u>

#### Paul McClellan Employment Service Manager

NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development 2 S. Main Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Committee: Business Development Oversight, Literacy, Healthcare

Maryann McGhee Training and Development Manager Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 1000 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Co-Chair One Stop Oversight

Romeo Rudock Director of Continuing Studies & Adult Education Stockton University Rothenberg Building 3430 Atlantic Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Literacy Committee Riaz A. Rajput, CEO/Owner Global Community Services 125 Atlantic Avenue Suite 748 Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Business Development

#### Jon D. Schleifer

Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center Building 28 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08405 Committee: Business Development

#### Nandini Singh

Owner, Director Kumon Math and Reading Center 543 Tilton Road Ste 543 Northfield, NJ 08225 Committee: Literacy

#### Michelle Soreth

Director of Human Resources Hard Rock Hotel & Casino A.C. 1000 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Disability, Business Development

#### Steven J. Stokes

Council Representative Carpenters Local 225 330 S. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037 Committee: Business Development

Candace Titanski State of NJ-DVRS Manager 2 South Main Street 1stfloor Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Committee: Youth Investment Council, Disability

Dr. Charles A. Wallace II CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City 317 N. Pennsylvania Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Committee: Youth Investment Council, Fiscal/ Membership Committee

## Business Development Committee Chair, Max Slusher Allen Beatty Neal Bellinger Joe Calio



Carol Braff

Jim Drew

Erik Ditizio

Romeo R. Ruddock

Sandra Foyil

Paul McClellan

Karen McCormick

Jean McAllister

Steven Stokes

Jon Schleifer

Sherwood Taylor

Chair: Tim Kreischer

Samuel Ware

## **Disability Committee**

Donald Campbell Nina Stolzenberg Candace Titanski Mona Tally Pat Jones Tatsiana DaGrosa Kurt Olson Michele Soreth



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#### Fiscal/Membership Committee

Chair: Dan Konczyk Jim Drew Parina Desai Greg Freelon Roy Foster Dan Kelly



Sandra Foyil

Dr. Chares Wallace

### Youth Investment Council

#### **Chair: Greg Freelon**



Jackie Adelman Dr. Philip Guenther **Diana Strelczyk** Dan Brown Dr. Aigner Holmes Nina Stolzenberg Gina DeMaio Michael Margraf **Cynthia Torres** Kelly De Curtis Rev. Odinga Maddox Romeo Ruddock Candance Titanski Geoffrey Dorsey Ren Parikh Kelly DeCurtis Capt. Stacey Schlachter Dr. Charles Wallace

#### **One Stop Oversight Sub Committee**

Chair: Mark Ford Vice Chair: MaryAnn McGhee Gerald Del Rosso Forrest Gilmore Thomas Jennings Paul McClellan Karen McCormick Jessica O'Shaughnessy Michale Pompei



## MISSION

To coordinate resources and efficiently deliver workforce readiness services for the residents and businesses of Atlantic County through educational and technical skills training that responds to the needs of the employers.

## VISION

To enhance the economic climate of Atlantic County by providing a skilled workforce that is responsive to the needs of all businesses in Atlantic County and its vicinity.

## GOALS

To evaluate the local workforce development system to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services.

To garnish high quality partnerships with the private and public sector businesses.

To increase out of school youth services to meet the 75 percent expenditure requirement in accordance with WIOA.

To serve as a clearinghouse for planning, labor market assessment needs and workforce development services and resources for both the residents and businesses of Atlantic County.

To enhance our technology to quickly and effectively communicate information to all residents and businesses.



The Atlantic County Workforce Area WIOA Title I and Title III performance targets for PY 2022 and PY 2023 are as follows:

WIOA Performance Measures	Atlantic County Workforce Area Final Negotiated Goals		
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Adults	PY 2022 Targets	PY 2023 Targets	
Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Exit	61.0%	62.0%	
Employment Rate 4th Quarter After Exit	60.8%	61.8%	
Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit	\$6,400	\$6,500	
Credential Attainment 4th Quarter After Exit	75.0%	76.0%	
Measurable Skills Gain	51.3%	52.3%	
Dislocated Workers		02.070	
Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Exit	61.4%	62.4%	
Employment Rate 4th Quarter After Exit	64.9%	65.9%	
Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit	\$7,917	\$8,017	
Credential Attainment 4th Quarter After Exit	71.0%	72.0%	
Measurable Skills Gain	53.1%	54.1%	
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Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Exit	71.4%	72.4%	
Employment Rate 4th Quarter After Exit	68.2%	69.2%	
Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit	\$2,300	\$2,400	
Credential Attainment 4th Quarter After Exit	46.4%	47.4%	
Measurable Skills Gain	67.0%	68.0%	
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Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Exit	47.9%	48.9%	
Employment Rate 4th Quarter After Exit	47.4%	48.4%	
Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit	\$5,650	\$5,750	



2 South Main Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Telephone: 609.485.0153 Fax: 609.485.0067

Dear Atlantic County Community:

This has been a year of continued recovery for the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board. With the increase in public mobility and tourism, we have seen more activity at many business locations and an increase in the demand for employees in all sectors of the economy.

The Atlantic County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB) continues to play a leading role in supporting the recovery of our workforce. We have collaborated closely with our partners in the public and private sectors to develop and implement new programs and services to help job seekers and employers.

We continue to expand our job training programs to meet the needs of in-demand industries, such as healthcare, manufacturing, and technology. We also placed over 300 youth and young adults in summer jobs or internships.

In addition to our job search and training programs, we also provide a variety of other services to support job seekers and employers. These services include career counseling, job placement, literacy assistance, and GED testing.

We are committed to continuing to support Atlantic County Workforce Development. I would like to thank the One Stop Center team, all the ACWDB committee chairs and members for volunteering their time and expertise for the residents of Atlantic County.

We are grateful for the support of our partners and stakeholders, and we look forward to working together to build a strong and skilled workforce for our community.

Sincerely,

*Jim Drew* Jim Drew, Chairperson Atlantic County Workforce Development Board





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#### WELCOME!

Hello and welcome to the 2022-2023 Atlantic County Workforce Development Board Annual Report. During the past year we have finally made our way out of the depths of the pandemic and now it seems to be moving much closer to pre-pandemic service levels. We have returned to an open, face-to-face service delivery system, but have kept the convenience of virtual services for economic and efficient communication. While there is something to be said for taking less than thirty seconds to get to a meeting, the lack of interaction and spontaneity of a group conversation left a void in the ability to network and build relationships.

As was discussed last year, the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board was intent on using **RELEVANCE** as its theme for the 2021-2022 program year. Recognizing how important it was to be known as a resource for both workforce candidates and employers became a primary focus. We developed and expanded the job development unit and began linking our services to other resource providers to increase community awareness of the services and resources we provide. We reinforced the importance of the services and took steps to begin marketing the resources and services we offer. While we made some headway in being a better-known workforce resource, we still have a long way to go.

In our current program year, we shifted the focus to building **RELATIONSHIPS** with resource partners and communities. As you can see from our photos, we worked hard during this past year to build business and community relationships to improve our relevance and expand our connection to the communities in Atlantic County, including the business community.

In the late summer of 2022, we decided we needed to bring our services to the people of Atlantic County, rather than wait for them to come to us. We began building relationships with the county's family success centers to connect with members of the community. Those centers are located in Atlantic

City, Galloway, Egg Harbor Township and Hammonton. While there was limited activity in the three areas outside of Atlantic City, the two centers in the city, Oceanside 1 and Oceanside 2, became a focus of activity for the respective communities.

At the same time, the agency began connecting with multiple diverse communities, working to create workforce service opportunities for businesses and community leaders. During the past year, the agency developed relationships with leaders of the Bangladesh community, Hispanic Community Center and the Fellowship of Churches, in an effort to increase awareness of the services we provide. At the same time, we began planning a marketing strategy to continue to improve public awareness of the services.

Again in late fall of 2022, we were able to use marketing funds to develop a series of testimonials with successful job holders who were trained and supported by the agency. In recent months, we have marketed targeted programs for dealer training to address the casinos need for table dealers. Also at the same time, we began utilizing the radio to let residents know about our services. We now have a regular invitation to be on Dan Klein's 'Klein Time' on WOND and a monthly discussion with WEHA, Gospel radio, thanks to one of our newer board members, Elaine Hawkins. Our Job Developers have also been visiting local business associations and community events to engage business owners in their communities.

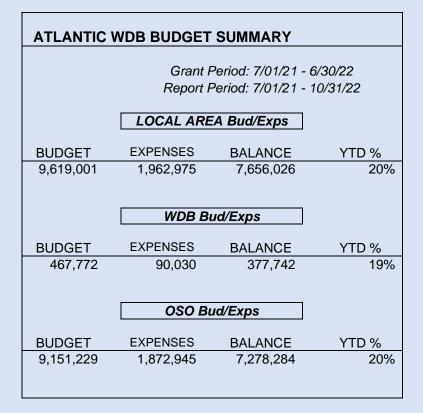
As we move into the new program year, we want to build on our prior year's success and focus on the need for **RESPECT** for all of the members and services that make up the Atlantic County community. We will continue to develop our themes of relevance and relationship-building with the ultimate objective of being known within all communities of being a valuable resource for building careers and businesses in Atlantic County.

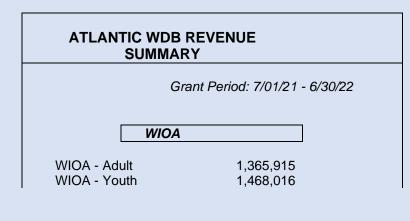
I want to thank County Executive, Dennis Levinson, the county commissioners and county administrator, for their support and guidance. I also would like to thank all of the members of the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board and its subcommittees, the staff of the One Stop Career Center, and our state and community partners for their willingness to engage and transform our services.

We look forward to this coming year and the accomplishments we hope to achieve for the benefit of members of our Atlantic County communities.

Francis F. Kuhn Executive Director Atlantic County Workforce Development Board

#### ATLANTIC COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SCHEDULE OF WDB FINANCIAL TEMPLATE PROGRAM YEAR 2021 - (JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023)





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WIOA - Dislocated Worker WIOA - Prior Year Carry-In WIOA Sub-total WFNJ	814,785 2,065,915	5,714,631	
WFNJ - TANF WFNJ - GA/SNAP WFNJ Sub-total WLL	2,397,458 1,184,061	3,581,519	
WLL - Direct Allocation WLL Sub-total	52,000	52,000	
NJYC - State Appropriation NJYC - TANF NJYC - WIOA Discretionary NJYC Sub-total	141,858 0 170,142	312,000	
Other			
Urban Gateway Program Summer Youth Program (SYEP)	32,000 184,800		
WIOA OJT-Dislocated Worker Atlantic City Electric Funding Agreement	210,000 1,378,510		
Other Sub-total		426,800	
WDB Reve	nue Total	10,086,950	

#### **Relationships:** Success Story



Becas de capacitación gratuitas disponibles

0052 para una cita.

de hasta \$ 5,000 para ocupaciones en demanda y \$ **10,000** para programas de enfermería práctica con licencia están disponibles según la elegibilidad solo para residentes del Condado Atlántico. Para obtener información adicional, llame al (609) 485-

The Youthworks Unit worked with M. Liddell in March 2023. She wanted to get her Certified Nursing Aid license. She enrolled in the occupational training grant program. She was dealing with a barrier since she had a legal charge and was worried it would affect her progress to obtain this license. I, as her counselor, did some research and informed her that her particular charge didn't exempt her to achieve this goal. She completed her studies at Allied Health Institute and obtained her CNA license. She now works as a CNA at Our Lady's of Mercy Nursing facility . I admire her determination in achieving her goals despite the odds that were stacked against her.

......Submitted by Constance Lane Youth Employment Specialist

#### In Demand Occupations



Asistente de enfermera certificado (CNA)	Controlador CDL A o B	Cosmetología	Especialista en Microsoft Office
Asistente Médico	Técnico Informático	Manicura/Tecnología de Uñas	Flebotomista
Enfermera Práctica Licenciada (LPN)	Diseño Gráfico / Web	EMT	Masajista

#### ¿Cómo te irá en tu próximo trabajo? ¿Qué tipos de trabajos están en demanda?

Un especialista en empleo lo ayudará a través del proceso de entrenamiento a medida que da los próximos pasos en su trayectoria (Formación Empleo Mejor Vida)→→. Aprendizaje basado en el trabajo de NJ profesional para éxito

Si está buscando empleo, un programa de aprendizaje basado en el trabajo podría ser lo mejor para usted. Llame al (609) 485-0052 y solicite hablar con un desarrollador de empleo sobre el entrenamiento en el trabajo (OJT), el entrenamiento de trabajadores titulares (IWT) o un aprendizaje registrado (RA) con empleadores aprobados listos y dispuestos a contratar. Contactar (609) 485-0052 ext. 4824.

#### Programa de exención de matrícula universitaria de NJ State

Si está desempleado y es elegible, este programa se puede utilizar para asistir a clases gratuitas en las universidades públicas de NJ State y universidades. Un asiento sin llenar en una clase en particular puede estar disponible usando la Exención de matrícula. Si eres aceptado en la clase, tu matrícula es

Sin embargo, el pago de libros, materiales y tarifas es su responsabilidad. Comuníquese al 609-813-3901.

#### Obtenga un registro GRATUITO de empleados de 35 casinos (licencia de casino)

Si son elegibles, las personas que obtienen una Promesa de Empleo de un casino pueden 🛽 ser elegibles para una Licencia de Casino inicial gratuita. Contacto (609) 485-0052 ext. 4819.

#### **Free Training Grants Available**

Free job training grants up to **\$5,000** for in-demand occupations and **\$10,000** for Licensed Practical Nursing programs are available based on eligibility for residents of Atlantic County <u>only</u>. For additional information call (609) 485-0052 for an appointment.

Some popular Job Training choices include:

Certified Nurse's Aide(CNA) CDL Dr Medical Assistant Compo

CDL Driver A or B Computer Technician Graphic / Web Design Cosmetology Manicure/Nail Tech EMT Microsoft Office Specialist Phlebotomist Massage Therapist

How will you do in your next job? What types of jobs are in demand?

An Employment Specialist will assist you through the training process as you take the next steps on your career path to success (Training  $\rightarrow$  Employment  $\rightarrow$  Better Life).

#### NJ Work Based Learning

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

If you are seeking employment, a work-based learning program might be best for you. Call (609) 485-0052 and request to speak with a Job Developer about **On-The-Job training (OJT)**, **Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)** or a **Registered Apprenticeship (RA)** with approved employers ready and willing to hire. Contact (609) 485-0052.

#### NJ State College Tuition Waiver Program

If you are unemployed and eligible, this program can be used to attend classes **tuition free** at NJ State public colleges and universities. An unfilled seat in a particular class may be available using the Tuition Waiver. If you are accepted into the class, your tuition is waived, however, payment for books, materials and fees are your responsibility. Contact 609-813-3901.

#### Get a FREE 35 Casino Employee Registration (Casino License)

If eligible, individuals who obtain a Promise of Employment from a casino may be eligible for a <u>free</u> initial Casino License. Contact (609) 485-0052 ext. 4819.

Job Training Grants are available based on your eligibility and the availability of funds under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

## Free Business Support Services Job Orders- List your openings in our database used by employment

services staff to match prescreened /prequalified Job Seekers with the skills you require for the positions.

POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development

#### On the Job Training (OJT)

\*Wage reimbursement up to \$10,000 per

Customer.

\*Monthly reimbursements to employer

\* You get to interview and choose your Employees.



#### Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)

50% Training cost reimbursement for upskilling your current employees at an approved NJ Training provider.

#### Registered Apprenticeship (RA)

You provide an approved registered apprenticeship program with incremental wage increases. Per customer wage reimbursement up to \$10,000 \* 100%



training cost reimbursement for classroom related technical instruction at an approved NJ Training provider up to \$5,000.

#### Transitional Job (TJ)

You hire a qualified long term unemployed customer with no requirement to keep them beyond the agreement period of up to six months. \*100% wage reimbursement up to \$6000.

#### Specialty Hiring Programs

## *Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC)*

This is a federal tax credit available to employers who hire and retain veterans and

individuals from other target groups with significant barriers to employment. You may be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$9,600 with no limit to the amount of qualifying customers.

## Federal Bonding Program

This program provides employers with insurance for hiring customers with poor credit histories, recovering substances abusers, and or justice involved individuals.

Federal Bonds are up to \$25,000 offered at no cost for up to six months, providing employers the security to hire with confidence.



## Relevance

For the past three months, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board provided a paid summer internship experience to 234 youth and young adults between

the ages of 16 and 24. The work experience with fortyworking 25 hours per week for \$15 per hour. As an all interns participated in 35 training before being placed in

Interns were placed in a area businesses including farms,



youth participated in paid seven (47) area employers, eight weeks and receiving introduction to the program, hours of online job readiness the work environment.

large and diverse variety of childcare, healthcare

services, nursing home care, government offices, engineering, real estate, counseling, HVAC, manufacturing, emergency management services and hospitality and tourism. The summer youth internship program also partnered with the Leaders in Training Program in Atlantic City, to provide career exploration and paid summer work experience to 61 youth, as part of the summer youth cohort.

As a result of the summer youth program, 16 youth were hired by seven (7) businesses, in either

part-time or full-time positions. Many of the youth expressed appreciation for the summer internship opportunity." It helped me with my career goals"...and " gave me insight into different areas...". " I now have a clearer vision of what my career will be like in the future." Another commented, " I am so grateful for this experience, I enjoyed learning information and skills that I need for my career.



The employers that participated in the program were equally pleased as well. Comments

included, helpful with timely the importance program." commented, additions to to be this busy season."



"Absolutely love it, very being able to get staff in a manner." "Very satisfied with leadership... I stress the of continuing this valuable Finally, one employer

" The participants were great the team, and we were grateful connected with them through program, especially during our

## ADIA KING

Is a 44-yr old single mother of two children-a 14-yr old son and a 12-yr old daughter. Adia works hard to take care of her children. Over the years she has worked as a Front Desk, Agent-Retail Associate, Casino Cage Cashier, Residential Aide, Clinical Support Technician, and Behavioral Technician. She is friendly with good communication skills. Adia likes helping people and

wanted to work as a CNA. She knew she needed training, so in 2019 she engaged with the Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development and was funded to pursue her training interest. Adia worked as a CNA for two years. Being ambitious she came back to the One Stop Career Center in 2021 for secondary training.



She wanted to upgrade her skills in the healthcare field as an LPN so she could earn a higher wage. She was approved for LPN training at Prism Career Institute and successfully completed the LPN training in January 2023. She is now studying to pass the NCLEX exam to obtain her LPN license.

Adia is currently working full-time for Community Quest and part-time at Caring Inc. She is already thinking of her future and her next career goal is to become a registered nurse. We wish her the best in all her present and future endeavors.

.....Submitted by her Counselor Ms. Bhatti

## DANIELLE KEREKES

Is a hard-working women constantly in search of that dream job. She has worked for Best Buy-Delta Community Supports and Wells Fargo. Her job at Wells Fargo ended with the closure of the branch March 2023.

Danielle wanted to change her career and expressed an interest in working in the healthcare field because she wanted to continue to serve others, but in a different, a more compassionate

way. The Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development approved her training grant in August 2023 for a Medical Assistant training program at ASI Career Institute.

She completed her



training in October 2023 and was able to change her career and find her dream job as Certified Clinical Medical Assistant at Atlanticare working full time earning a starting salary of \$20 an hour.

.....Submitted by her Counselor Ms. Bhatti



## MARK ROBINSON reached out to the

Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development's Job Developers for assistance in finding work. Mark did not have much work history and was struggling to find a job. He stated that General Assistance and Food Stamps was not good enough for him and he wanted to make enough to support himself and find a place of his own to live. Mark worked with the Atlantic County Job Developers on interviewing skills and preparing a resume. He was a perfect candidate for our "On the Job Training Program". His resume was sent to the City of Pleasantville for a laborer position.

With the assistance of the job developers, Mark interviewed with the City of Pleasantville and obtained full time employment in the Public Works Department. Mark reached out to the Job Developers after his first week of work to let them know he loved his job and wanted to make a career in the Public Works Department. The City of Pleasantville's Human Resource Department praised Mark's work and work ethic and said he is an asset to the municipality.

...... Submitted by Carol Brath, Job Developer

## VALENE KING-PITTMAN

A single parent of a 3-year-old was recently hired as a Medical Assistant at Atlanticare's General Surgery Unit in Egg Harbor Township. She passed all three areas from the National Health Career Association, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Certified Phlebotomist Technician and Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant, on her first attempt. This was outstanding on every level.

This is a noteworthy accomplishment for Valene who did not give up on her dream despite numerous complications which included a training provider closure and working whenever possible to sustain her family.

.....Submitted by Mr. Crow, Employment Specialist

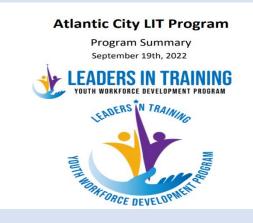
## JAMES D'ALESSANDRIS

A One Stop customer with almost 20 years of electrical industry experience but unemployed , due to a lack of work opportunities . Prior to training, he obtained employment at the Salem Nuclear Power Plant as an On-Call Driver Employee . He was informed he could not advance without



obtaining a CDL-A. Armed with this knowledge, he knew what training was necessary. Through our training grant, he graduated from Smith & Solomon, and now serves in a full-time position with a pay increase, earning \$53.69 an hour, 40 hours a week.

#### .....Submitted by Mr. Crow, Employment Specialist









NEW JERSEY YOUTH CORPS Of Atlantic County Government

Located at: Atlantic County One Stop Career Center 2 South Main Street Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Call (609) 485-0052 ext. 4829 or 4810 Dr. Odinga Maddox Supervising Director of the only New Jersey Youth Corps facilitated at the Atlantic County One Stop Center functioning under the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board in the State. This program has successfully graduated over 400 youth and young adults in the last 15 years. The students have gone on to start new businesses, become State of New Jersey employees, and work to become Real Estate Agents in Atlantic County. The staff and the Director have recruited young adults from this community to achieve a high school diploma against some of the tests our youth have to engage.

#### Who is eligible to participate?

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- Youth ages 16-25 who need to complete their high school education by earning a high school diploma.
- Youth who want to make a difference and provide service to others in the community.
- Youth who want to gain work skills for future employment opportunities.

#### When may I enroll in the program?

Participants are accepted into the program based upon cycles. CALL FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEXT AVAILA-BLE ENROLLMENT DATES.

#### Are there costs to enroll?

There is no cost to enroll in the New Jersey Youth Corps program as it's funded through a grant from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development. Programs are operated state-wide.



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