

Greater Raritan

Workforce Development Board



A Quarterly Newsletter by the GRWDB

Message from the Interim Director

Connections. Every day we try to make new ones while strengthening the ones we already have. In the past few months, we have met with State representatives focusing on youth and disability services, participated in an Opportunity Zone Summit in Flemington, and sat down with individual employers and jobseekers to understand their needs and goals. We are participating in a new State initiative for Industry Partnerships, and will have a presentation at our September Board Meeting about how NJDLWD data sets can be utilized for planning and strategic decisions.

Everything we do in the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board office is aimed at connecting our local, state and private partners in meaningful ways to support a robust workforce system in Somerset and Hunterdon counties. This new quarterly newsletter is another way we will be communicating this ongoing work of connections. And remember, we want to hear from all of our current and prospective partners. Please let us know what you think, and ponder how you can help grow our connections, too.

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SUMMER MILESTONES

- *Approved PY 2019-2020 Budget*
- *Approved Job Developer Role*
- *Certified by NJSETC*
- *Modified Local Area Plan*
- *Updated By-Laws & Handbook*
- *New One Stop Committee*
- *New Youth Committee*



News from our Partners

Got Grants? The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development recently awarded two of our educational and training partners Pre-Apprenticeship in Career Education, or PACE, grants. The Raritan Valley Community College Workforce Training Center will provide 30 participants pre-apprenticeship training in advanced manufacturing, whereas the Hunterdon County Vocational School District will train 18 participants in occupational areas of automotive & construction. Each will place graduates in one of the following:

- USDOL Registered Apprenticeship occupation;
- Employment \$12/hour or greater related to the pre-apprenticeship training; or
- Placement into secondary or vocational training relating to the pre-apprenticeship training.

For further information on the RVCC program, please contact Joanne Coffaro at Joanne.Coffaro@raritanval.edu or (908) 526-1200 x8639, and for HCVSD's, contact Tanya Nalesnik at tnalesnik@hcvsd.org or (908) 788-1119 x2029.

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OpportunityNJ (ONJ) is a non-partisan, grassroots coalition comprised of New Jersey interests representing employers, employees, business, trade groups, community organizations and other concerned citizens in the State. ONJ serves as an independent voice to provide data based education about New Jersey policy actions and to support policies that encourage job growth, affordability and prosperity in New Jersey. Both the Somerset County Business Partnership and the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce have joined the steering committee for a stronger and fairer economy.



New Jersey Department of Labor
and Workforce Development
Division of Economic & Demographic
Research

Labor Market Information Update for July 2019



Prepared: August 2019



Check out NJDLWD's Office of Research
and Information's latest Labor Market
Information Update for July 2019.



Greater Raritan Job Fairs

The 2019 Somerset County Job Fair conducted on June 18 at 27 Warren St. in Somerville drew 238 job seekers who had the opportunity to meet with nearly two dozen employers looking to fill a variety of positions. Several of the businesses said they planned to offer employment to the job seekers as a result of the event, which was sponsored by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board, the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The same partners, with the addition of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, will host a 2019 Hunterdon County Job Fair on September 25 at the Hunterdon County Complex in Raritan Township. Nearly 30+ businesses from Hunterdon's top industries are slated to recruit talent from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; if you're a jobseeker, attendance at upcoming career workshops will grant participants early entry to beat the crowds and maximize their time with employers. For more information and to register for the free workshops, please visit www.thegrwdb.org/event/HCJobFair/.

UPCOMING NOTABLE EVENTS

August 22
GRWDB Executive Committee

August 26
GRWDB Disabilities Committee

September 12 & 13
Industry Partnerships Academy

September 16
GRWDB Literacy Committee

September 25
Hunterdon County Job Fair

September 26
GRWDB Meeting

October 3 & 4
35th GSETA Conference

November 7
Hunterdon County Chamber of
Commerce's 31st Business Expo &
Food Showcase

Text **OneStop**
to **56512**



for information on One-Stop
services and to receive text
message updates on upcoming
hiring events and workshops

JULY 2019 ONE STOP OPERATOR REPORT

Thanks for reading!

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

To ensure the region's workforce continues to meet the needs of employers, the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board relies heavily on employers as our primary partner in shared-planning and decision making. The Board invites our local employers to join advisory groups, or the Board itself, to regularly contribute to our understanding of the region's workforce needs and to develop future strategies and priorities. We understand the needs of each business or individual are unique and we seek to provide you with a customized level of service; if you are an employer in our region struggling to find the workers you need, please contact our GRWDB Staff at info@thegrwdb.org or 908-541-5785 to schedule a confidential discussion.