




**GREATER RARITAN ONE-STOP ~ SERVING HUNTERDON COUNTY AND SOMERSET COUNTY**

# **ONE-STOP OPERATOR FEBRUARY REPORT**

Program Year 2023/ 2024

February 1 -28





## **Greater Raritan One-Stop Childcare Solutions Brainstorm February 2024**

On February 27th the Greater Raritan One-Stop hosted a brainstorming session with significant implications . The goal was to facilitate a solutions-based discussion about childcare challenges for One-Stop customers in Somerset and Hunterdon counties. 18 leaders and professionals attended and achieved the following findings.

### **Challenges Identified**

- Childcare staffing shortages due to low compensation.
- Some parents want to stay home with infants/toddlers but need to maintain adequate income to survive.
- Stay at home parents losing key earning potential years.
- One-Stop customers competing and losing to corporate childcare slots.
- Too many residents unaware of helpful childcare supportive services and subsidies.
- Lack of quality/reliable childcare options for low-income residences.
- Childcare seems to be a government low priority. Not enough funding to adequately support community needs.
- Lack of adequate public transportation compounds the issue.
- System feelings of hopelessness around the childcare crisis.

### **Childcare Resource Shared**

- Thrive by Three Grant
- Universal Preschool
- Child Care Assistance Program
- New Jersey Cares for Kids Subsidy
- United Way In Care Program
- Grow NJ Kids
- Lifelong Learning Account
- 71 Childcare facilities in local Area
- Federal Block Grant
- Au Pair Program
- Lifelong Learning Accounts Program





## **Greater Raritan One-Stop Childcare Solutions Brainstorm February 2024**

The collective agreed that a multifaceted strategy is required to adequately address our childcare challenges.

### **Suggested Goals**

- Help One-Stop customers desiring to be stay-at-home parents to get certified to start home-based childcare businesses. Implement an extensive registered home childcare provider drive.
- Discover and promote stay at home employment opportunities.
- Implement a transportation component with aides that provides year-round subsidized transportation to and from childcare facilities.
- Consolidate/simplify communication of all applicable childcare subsidies. Ensure the resources are consistently shared with customers.
- Outreach and partner with local childcare providers to ensure slots are consistently available to One-Stop customers.
- Effectively share enrollment information for local home based and established childcare providers.
- Communicate childcare brainstorm findings with local government officials and counsels.
- Work with United Way to expand United In Care into Somerset and Hunterdon.
- Partner with state university early education programs to help meet staffing needs for local childcare providers.
- Effectively promote and refer customers to Lifelong Learning Accounts Program.
- Follow up on GRWDB grant proposal to support childcare slots and transport van.





## **FEBRUARY 2024 PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

New Training Services Customers Served: **223**  
(Includes Training Grant Orientation, Youth Referrals  
and WFNJ Referrals)

New DVR Customers Served: **90**

New Training Grants Provided: **14**

WFNJ Referrals received: **79**

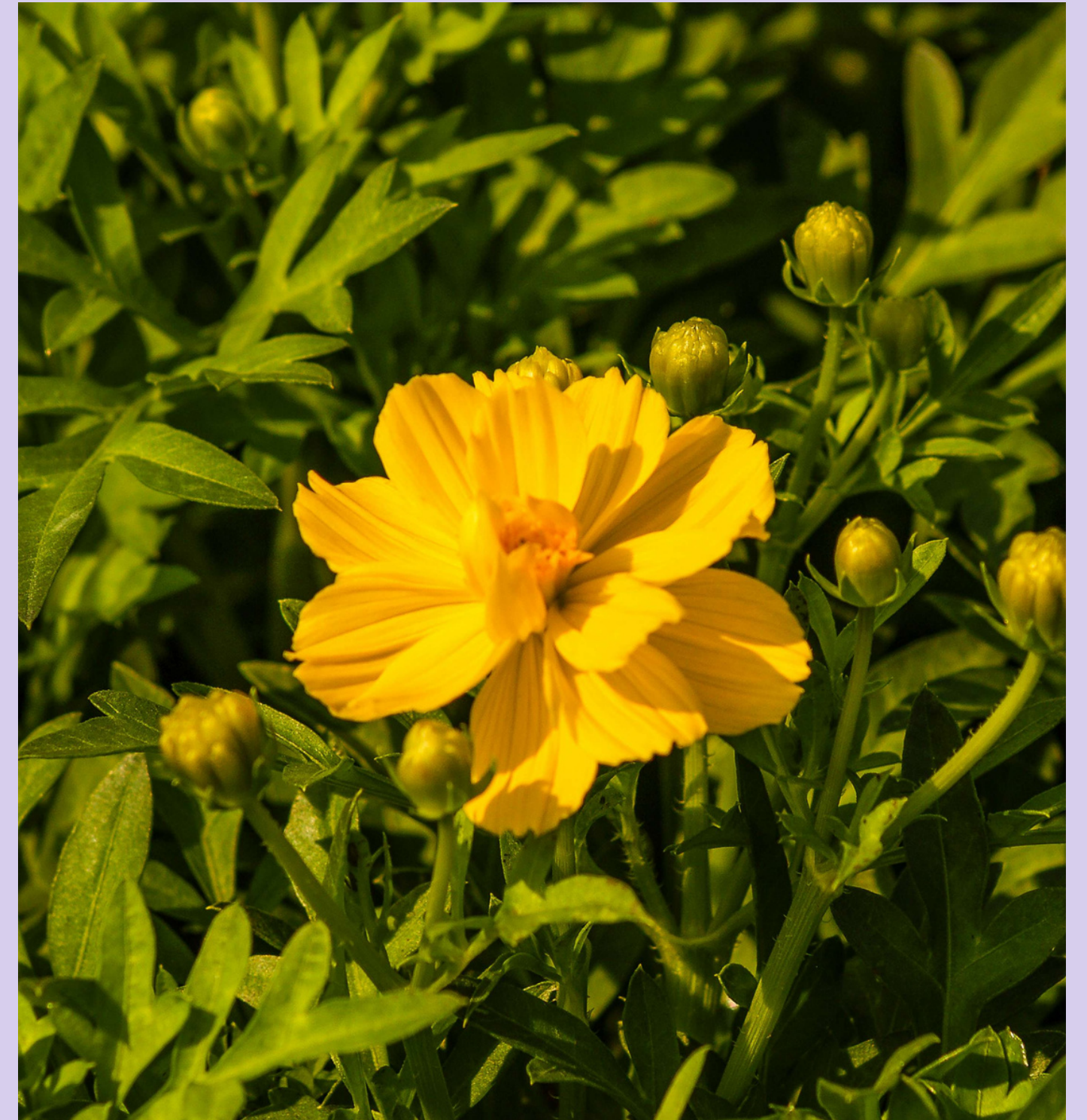
Individual Assessments: **6**

Youth Employment Services Referrals: **79**

Active Youth Employment Services Clients: **73**

SkillUp Registrants: **126**

Employment Services Customer Appointments: **253**





# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Resource & Transition Fair**  
**Somerset Hills YMCA**  
140 Mount Airy Rd  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
March 27, 2024, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM



**Student Internships & Experiences**

Paid Internships and other Work Experiences available in a Community Setting	Work Readiness Training Resume Writing Interview Practice Job & School Exploration Local Placements based on Student Interest	For Youth Ages 14-21 with a Disabilities Plan Invited to Attend
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**May 31, 2024**  
**June 28, 2024**  
**2:00PM – 4:00PM**

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**STUDENT INTERNSHIPS & EXPERIENCES**

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**Resource & Transition Fair**  
**Flemington Elks Lodge**  
165 NJ Route 31  
Flemington, NJ 08822  
March 22, 2024 10AM-2PM



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