



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

ONE-STOP OPERATOR MARCH REPORT

Program Year 2024/ 2025

March 1 - 31

NEW INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING ONE-STOP CUSTOMERS

The Greater Raritan One-Stop has introduced an innovative recruitment strategy, expanding beyond traditional networking events. This new approach includes a series of quarterly, sector-focused events that feature well-organized and highly promoted on-site interviews and screenings. While this method requires more extensive planning, it has demonstrated significant effectiveness in accelerating the hiring process and bringing clients closer to achieving gainful employment.

The second quarterly recruitment conducted in Hunterdon County on March 26 drew 60 job seekers. Based on this success, the format of some Business Services single-employer recruitments will adopt the same structure if the employer desires the on-site interview component.

The next quarterly recruitment event will be held in Somerset County in late June or early July. To receive updates on all One-Stop offerings, subscribe to our complimentary text message platform.

To access jobs leads and One-Stop resources:

Send a text message to: (908) 460 -8144

Text the keyword: ONESTOP

TESTIMONIAL FROM A CAREER TRAINING SERVICES CUSTOMER

Amanda came to the One-Stop Career Center in search of guidance after having nearly exhausted her unemployment benefits and savings. Facing a period of uncertainty, she was looking for a clear path forward. After meeting with her Career Navigator, Amanda was relieved to learn that she was eligible to receive Additional Benefits (ABT), an extension of her unemployment insurance, while enrolled in training. This support provided Amanda with much-needed financial stability, allowing her to focus on transitioning to a new career. During her one-on-one consultation with her Career Navigator, Amanda decided to pursue a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL-A). With a CDL-B license already in hand, she saw obtaining a CDL-A as a natural progression to more lucrative and stable job opportunities. She aimed to transition from her current CDL-B role to a higher-paying position with better benefits and long-term security. Together, Amanda and her Career Navigator identified a suitable training program, and she enrolled in classes. Over the next two months, she successfully completed her training while receiving ABT, ensuring that she had consistent financial support throughout the duration of her education. This assistance was instrumental in allowing Amanda to remain focused on her training, without the added pressure of financial insecurity. After obtaining her CDL-A, Amanda was provided with job leads from her Career Navigator. She interviewed for several positions, ultimately receiving multiple job offers. Amanda accepted a position with a company that offered the flexible work environment and financial stability she had been seeking, marking a successful transition into her new career.



TESTIMONIAL FROM A DISABILITY VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES (DVRS) CUSTOMER

A 45-year-old single female with a diagnosis of Severe Bilateral Hearing Loss and reported disability of Bipolar Disorder came to DVRS for assistance in addressing the following employment-related challenges: difficulty communicating in person with coworkers, difficulty with background noise, and, because she was reliant on lip reading, difficulties in sustaining attention, keeping up her work pace and space, and understanding verbal communication and spoken communications.

The consumer has a Bachelor's Degree in marketing. She is a small business owner, self-employed, as an Esthetician since 2004. Her job duties include: facials and massages to customers.

The consumer came to DVRS requesting assistance in terms of assistive technology, including new hearing aids, to help her maintain current employment. She reported her hearing aids were not working properly and therefore, she was not able to assist her customers and perform her job duties to the best of her abilities. To enable this individual to maintain employment, the following services were provided: general guidance and counseling services, funds for otological and audiological evaluation as well as hearing aid evaluation, and hearing aid purchase. These services resulted in competitive employment by giving client the supports and assistance needed. The consumer continues to work successfully in her small business.



TESTIMONIAL FROM WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY CUSTOMERS

“I appreciate the effort of all my teachers. Thank You for giving us the confidence and skills to ensure our financial future; to walk forward in life with purpose and conviction. I cannot stress this enough. Thank You. Thank You. You are all truly a blessing”.

-- D.M., WFNJ Workshop participant

“This class was really great I got to learn some things I didn't know to much about and appreciate it. It was also fun and inspiring. Robin, Maria and Adrienne were great I'm gonna miss this class”.

--R.W., WFNJ Workshop Participant





MARCH 2025 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

New Training Services Customers Served: 238

(Includes Training Grant Orientation, Youth Referrals and WFNJ Referrals)

New DVR Customers Served: 106

New Training Grants Provided: 4

WFNJ Referrals Received: 171

Individual Assessments: 5

Youth Employment Services Referrals: 9

Active Youth Employment Services Clients: 78

SkillUp Registrants: 125

Employment Services Customer Appointments: 287

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS



**YOUR OPPORTUNITY AWAITS:
GET CERTIFIED MANUFACTURING
ASSOCIATE and
OSHA-10 CERTIFICATES**

DEVELOP THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR A MANUFACTURING CAREER AT NO COST TO YOU!

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Opportunity Partnership Grant that provides free online training in manufacturing. The OPG program allows eligible residents of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties to get an **OSHA-10 certificate** in safety standards, and receive a certification for **Certified Manufacturing Associate** in fundamental production know-how. The 12-hour OSHA online class and the 25- to 30-hour online training program from Tooling U-SME introduce basic concepts in the areas needed to begin a **successful entry-level manufacturing career**, including as an assembler and production laborer.

WHAT IS INVOLVED

The OPG Program is designed for dislocated workers and underemployed individuals who are interested in starting a new manufacturing career. Applicants will work with the OPG Coordinator and the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center to complete eligibility documentation. Approved students will receive instruction and progress through cohorts directly from an instructor providing the teachings for the credential. The courses are accessible anytime, anywhere and will be supported by in-person assistance. Those who complete the program will be prepared for interviews with companies hiring in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

Join OPG Program Coordinator Charlie Apt as he conducts virtual Manufacturing Program Orientations at 11 a.m. Wednesday April 2, April 16, April 23 and May 7. Click here for details or use this QR code.



For assistance, email cap@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-203-6047.



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