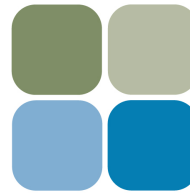


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NEWSLETTER

Career Resources & News for Businesses and Job Seekers in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties

Fall Healthcare Recruitment Set at Hunterdon Chamber



Dozens of jobs available right now at healthcare businesses in Hunterdon and Somerset counties will be featured at a Thursday, September 25, in-person Multi-Employer Healthcare Recruitment Event.

This focused career fair, presented by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB), will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Center for Business & Entrepreneurship, 119 Main St. Flemington.



GRWDB Builds A Stronger Community

Every September, the GRWDB and the 350 Workforce Development Boards around the nation celebrate National Workforce Development Month. This is a time to recognize the power of workforce development to connect people to opportunity, help businesses grow, and strengthen our communities.

This month is our opportunity to raise awareness, build stronger partnerships, and demonstrate why workforce development matters. We align local business and talent needs and share that information with our job seekers. We oversee the local American Job Center (One-Stop Career Center) to manager workforce services. We invest in training funding - more than \$4 million this program year - toward high-demand skills development, apprenticeship and upskilling opportunities for job seekers and current workers.

Please read this newsletter to learn more and then go to Page 4 to see how to get involved.

Healthcare Recruitment Event

Healthcare employers in Somerset and Hunterdon counties are hiring. Learn more at an in-person Recruitment Event, presented by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Center for Business & Entrepreneurship, 119 Main St. Flemington. Parking is available in the chamber lot on Main Street and in a nearby county lot.

NOW HIRING FOR:
Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Care Manager, Nursing Supervisor, Medical Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, Home Health Aide, Agent and Full-time, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Certified Home Health Aide, Occupational Therapist, Patient Care Tech, Patient Observer, Mental Health Tech, Social Worker, Billing Specialist, Transporter, and more...

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS AS OF AUGUST 20:
Anita's Angels, ArchAngel Services, Bridgeway Senior Health-care, BrightStar Care of Hunterdon, Foothill Acres Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Hackensack Meridian Health, Hunterdon Medical Center, New Jersey Eastern Star Rehabilitation & Nursing, Right at Home, Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services, The COR Behavioral Group, Zuffall Health.

EVENT DETAILS:
Employers will be available for on-site interviews and discussions. To be considered for an interview, please register using the QR code on this link: <https://bit.ly/4mrwjWK>. Registration includes an updated list of employers, and resume sharing instructions. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is strongly encouraged.

OF NOTE: Attendees are invited to a September 18 New to Three-Digit Transition and Change Workshop. Click here for details. Questions about either the September 18 workshop or September 25 event? Email info@grwdb.org.

Logos for participating organizations: DOL, Somerset County, Hunterdon County, and One-Stop Career Training Center.

WATCH THIS VIDEO

Registration is strongly encouraged; those who pre-register may be considered for pre-scheduled on-site interviews being conducted by some of the participating employers. To be considered for an interview, please register using the QR code in **this flyer** or this link: <https://bit.ly/4mrwjWK>. The registration form includes an updated list of employers, and instructions for resume sharing to be considered for the on-site interviews will accompany registration confirmation. Walk-ins are welcome but on-site interviews may not be possible.

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Multi-Employer Job Fair

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Employers will be available for informational discussions and more. In addition, resource tables will feature information on programs and services available in Hunterdon County.

To help prepare for the event, attendees are invited to *How to Thrive During Transition and Change*, a virtual workshop, running from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, September 18. Times of transition hold challenges and opportunities. The strategies and philosophies that will be presented in this workshop provide tools that are designed to help participants achieve their personal best professionally and personally.

The event, will be presented by Jan Goodman, a certified workforce development professional for the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Center. While this workshop is connected to the September 25 event, it is open to all job seekers, and registration is required. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/4lvj3A1> or use the QR code in this flyer. For questions about either event, email info@thegrwdb.org or call 908-541-5790.

Events and More Events!

As we head toward autumn career events are starting to fall into place. In addition to our September 18 and 25 Recruitment Events and the OPG sessions at right, here are some highlights from our **website calendar**: Click on the dates for more details.

- **September 3:** Walk-in Wednesdays at Trident Marine
- **September 4 and October 2:** Free Forklift Class at Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center in Somerville
- **September 11:** Creative Connections: Fun With Fish – A new monthly program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities being hosted at the Hunterdon County Library
- **September 25:** Creating A Dynamic Job Portfolio with Certified Workforce Development Professional Jan Goodman
- **October 2:** Aligning Your Natural Abilities with Multiple Natures, also led by Goodman
- **October 7:** An Introduction to GRWDB Services, the first in an in-person career workshop series at the Hunterdon County Library.
- **October 16:** Separate Veterans Resources and Jobs Events in Hunterdon County and Somerset County.

Go here for more information, and keep checking the calendar for more events and programs since the calendar is updated weekly. Better yet, bookmark it on your desktop or digital device.

Get Free Training

The GRWDB and the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program are collaborating on a New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Opportunity Partnership Grant that provides free online training in manufacturing.

Hunterdon and Somerset County residents are invited to learn more by joining one in a series of OPG Manufacturing Program Information The sessions will be conducted at 11 a.m. September 3, September 10, September 17, September 24 and October 1, virtually and in-person at the GRWDB office at 27 Warren St., Somerville.

The GRWDB OPG Program is designed for dislocated workers and underemployed individuals who are interested in starting a new manufacturing career. The program allows eligible participants 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.

Information sessions began in April for this new initiative, and the first cohort of eight trainees completed the training in July. A second cohort will begin in early September, and a third cohort will start later in the fall. In all, 30 slots are available. Applicants will work with the OPG Coordinator to complete eligibility papers. After approved for the training, credential instruction will be provided in cohorts.

To join, the session virtually, go to <https://meet.goto.com/337366277> on the day event. For assistance on joining an orientation session or to get started immediately on the application process, contact OPG Program Coordinator Nekishia Brown at nbrown@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-203-6047.

Summer Youth Work Experience Program continues to grow

Now in its sixth year, Greater Raritan's Summer Youth Work Experience Program has given young people from Hunterdon and Somerset counties opportunities to get real-world skills while supporting local employers.

In 2025, 94 youth participants are finishing up their experiences up from 83 in 2024. Participants began from late May to early July, and all will be done by mid-September. They worked with 36 employers in a range of industries and organizations.

For this year's program, each participant was required to complete up to 180 hours of on-site work and 20 hours of job-readiness training. Participants receive a \$17/hour tax-free stipend totaling up to \$3,400.00 based upon their completed hours. The job-readiness training hours included an hour orientation, a two-hour in-person program and a one-hour virtual job coaching session provided by training consultant Jean Trujillo, and 16 hours of online course work on SkillUp Metrix Learning designed for the program.

This year's employers include several divisions from Somerset County government: Information Technology Department, Clerk's Office, the Clerk of the Board Commissioners Office, Administrator's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Public Works Office, Human Resources, Volunteer Services, Health Department, and 4-H.

Other employers are Adult Day Center of Somerset County, Assemblyman Erik Peterson's Office, Aurora Kitchens & Design, Bernardsville Library, Franklin Grace Resource Center, Greater Somerset County YMCA, Hillsborough Township, America's Grow-A-Row, Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce, Hunterdon Vocational School District, the JCC, of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties, LK Tutor Pros, Montgomery Township, Somerset Community Action Program, WeBBits, Emergi-Clean, Sounds of Tomorrow Academy, Feeding Hands, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, Readington Township, Vision Development Group, and Visions and Pathways.



Gabriella Cardoso of North Plainfield was a Summer Youth Work Experience participant in 2024, placed in the Somerset County Clerk of the Board Office. This year, she was hired to be the Navigator for the 2025 cohort, assisting in outreaching to and gathering information from the 94 participants. Cardoso is studying pre-law at Seton Hall.

The employers are in the process of completing performance evaluations. Overwhelmingly the youth were successful in their work experience, while the employers felt participant input was positive for their organizations. Seven program participants were placed at the Franklin-Township based Sounds of Tomorrow Academy, which specializes in audio engineering, artist development, videography, and podcasting.

As part of their experience, participants facilitated a vending table at the August Franklin Township Night Out event, allowing them to engage with the community while put their marketing skills into practice. In addition to running the table, some participants performed at the event while others created a video showcasing their videography, editing, music production, and audio design skills.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

"Our events and training are designed to be collaborative and collective, ensuring every participant experiences multiple aspects of the creative process while also developing critical STEM-related skills," said Fatimah J. Littlejohn, the agency's strategic operations and program director. "Thank you for your continued support in providing opportunities that help our students grow and shine in real-world settings."

Jeanne Cassano

Summer Youth Work Experience Program Coordinator

Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center details

The Somerville Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center Employment Services office and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) office at 75 Veterans Memorial Blvd. are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding state holidays. For Employment Services, call 908-704-3000. For DVRS, call 908-704-3030. To set an appointment, use this form.

Watch Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center Video - English

Watch Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center Video - Spanish

The Flemington Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center at 8 Bartles Corner Road (new location!) is open for walk-in services 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, and by appointment on Thursday and Friday, as well as phone and virtual services, excluding county holidays. Call 908-541-5780; email onestop@co.somerset.nj.us.

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