



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

ONE-STOP OPERATOR SEPTEMBER REPORT

Program Year 2025/ 2026

September 1 - 30

Operator Report

The Greater Raritan One-Stop has implemented a strategic recruitment initiative aimed at enhancing workforce engagement through the organization of quarterly, sector-specific events. These events feature on-site interviews and screenings, providing valuable opportunities for job-seekers and employers alike.

2026 Event Schedule:

- Somerset: January 29 and July 23
- Hunterdon: April 23 and October 29

In acknowledgment of his exceptional contributions to the community, Paul Grzella, Director of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board, will be honored at the GSETA Conference in Atlantic City with the 2025 New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Community and Outreach Award. His dedication to collaborating with local organizations has significantly improved services for underserved populations, demonstrating a commendable commitment to community development.

The recruitment event on September 26, 2025, in Flemington attracted 38 job-seekers. We achieved 5 job offers and await updated placement outcomes.

Success Stories

When Maria first came to the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Center, she was unsure of her next steps and felt uncertain about which direction to take in her career. Maria had been out of work since 2023, after leaving her job at a local supermarket. Although she was unable to collect unemployment benefits, she did receive SNAP assistance through the Board of Social Services.

During career counseling sessions, Maria's career navigator recognized that she had been unemployed for quite some time. Despite being out of the workforce for over a year, Maria was determined and motivated to get back on track. One thing that stood out was her strong organizational skills. She mentioned that she might enjoy working in a warehouse environment. After discussing options, her career navigator recommended she explore the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) training program at Rutgers Center for Continuing Professional Development. This program would allow her to put her organizational strengths to use while opening the door to warehouse and logistics career opportunities with strong growth potential.

Together, Maria and her career navigator gathered the necessary documents for her WIOA grant application. Her navigator stayed connected with her throughout the process, offering encouragement while she worked hard to complete the training. This was a major step forward, navigating a career change while carving out her own path. Her biggest challenge was finding a quiet place to study. To overcome this, she often used the One-Stop's Career Training Services Center's quiet spaces or visited the local library. With limited access to transportation, she relied heavily on family and friends to help her get where she needed to go. Maria's persistence paid off. She successfully completed the Certified Supply Chain Professional CSCP program and soon after secured employment as a Logistics Coordinator with a regional company. Her salary allowed her to secure reliable transportation as well as housing and food security.

Maria's journey is a clear example of how determination, the right training, and the support of the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Center can lead to meaningful career opportunities.

Success Stories

Carl had been out of work for over a year when he came to the One-Stop Career Training Services Center to learn about available resources. He had previously been employed as a teacher and was working toward a special education certification but was unable to complete it due to circumstances that placed him out of the workforce.

The Community Outreach Specialist at the One-Stop Career Training Services Center assisted by revising Carl's résumé, which initially needed significant improvement. Because he had been collecting disability benefits, WIOA funding could not be used for the certification. Recognizing this barrier, the One-Stop Career Training Services Center referred Carl to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) and communicated directly with a representative there to ensure he was connected with the appropriate services.

With a stronger résumé, Carl began receiving positive responses from employers and had a successful meeting with DVRS. DVRS provided funding for the training required to complete his certification and he is actively engaged in his program. Carl's story highlights the importance of the strong connection between the One-Stop Career Training Services Center and DVRS. By working together, the two agencies were able to align resources, remove barriers, and ensure he accessed the right training and support—ultimately leading to successful employment and a fresh start in his career.

SEPTEMBER 2025 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

New Training Services Customers Served: 201

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

New DVR Customers Served: 95

New Training Grants Provided: 21

WFNJ Referrals Received: 128

Individual Assessments: 26


Youth Employment Services Referrals: 10

Active Youth Employment Services Clients: 83

SkillUp Registrants: 91

Employment Services Customer Appointments: 238

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Join the conversation:
CHHAs and
Healthcare Careers**

**Wednesday,
October 29, 2025
1 to 2:15 p.m.**


**This is a virtual
information session
and discussion open
to all job seekers**

The Healthcare Sector faces a critical need for workers in several key roles. Job seekers are invited to an upcoming information session and discussion on the role of **Certified Home Health Aides**. This special event is presented by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.


What You Will Learn: Attend to hear from three local employers about the role of Certified Home Health and how you can make a difference in someone's life. Details regarding training and how to access grants funds and services will be shared.

Additional Opportunity: October is Disability Awareness month! Hear how the NJDOL helps employers meet their DEI needs, and how the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) can help you.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/4IOzvdF> or use the QR code. Completion of the registration form is required for admission. Registrants will receive confirmation and further details.



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**Mastering the
INTERVIEW**

**Thursday,
October 23, 2025
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Speaker: Jan Goodman
Certified Workforce
Development Professional
Greater Raritan One-Stop Career
Training Services

Host:
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The interview is one of the key elements of the job search process. As with any skill, we can get better at it with preparation and practice. In this workshop, participants will explore how to prepare for an interview and become familiar with the types of questions to expect, as well as the questions they should think about asking. They will learn how to prepare for second interviews, testing, and shadowing, as well as how to follow up on their interview sessions.

Topics Discussed:

- Understanding the interview
- Types of questions
- Preparation
- Stress interviews
- Following up the interview
- Common problems and solutions
- Phase Two (after the interview)
- Trick questions
- Sealing the deal
- Getting what you're worth

How You Will Benefit:

- Understand the different types of interview questions and how to prepare to answer them.
- Learn the most effective ways to prepare for an interview, including how to present yourself professionally.
- Develop expertise at expressing yourself effectively.
- Know how to ask for feedback following an interview.
- Learn how to answer the toughest interview questions.

This is an in-person workshop at the Watchung Library's temporary location. The address is: 20 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ 07069. To register please click on the following link: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/14285864>

Co-sponsored with the Greater Raritan One-Stop Training Center.




**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 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. 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.

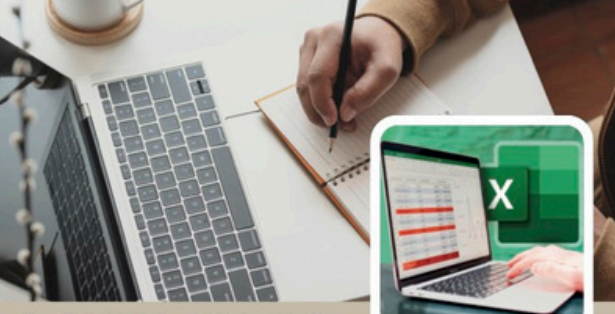
WHAT IS INVOLVED

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 Nekishia Brown, the GRWDB OPG Program Coordinator, for virtual Information Program Orientations at 11 a.m. Wednesdays from October 8 through November 5. Click here for details or use this QR code.




For assistance, email nbrown@SomersetCounty.NJ.Gov or call 908-203-6047.








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TUESDAYS AT 7PM**



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 Data Visualization November 25th	 Data Analysis December 3rd

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH SESSION.

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Greater Raritan One-Stop Resources

Stay connected and take charge of your job search with Greater Raritan's complementary text message service! By enrolling, you'll gain direct access to the latest updates on Greater Raritan One-Stop services, upcoming events, and invaluable career resources—all delivered straight to your phone. This seamless communication tool ensures you're always informed about opportunities to enhance your skills, connect with potential employers, and stay ahead in your career journey. Don't miss out—enroll today and make the most of the support Greater Raritan has to offer!

Instructions:

1. Send a text message to:
(908) 460 -8144
2. Text the keyword:
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