



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

ONE-STOP OPERATOR NOVEMBER REPORT

Program Year 2025/ 2026

November 1 - 30

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Upcoming Event Overview:

The Greater Raritan One-Stop will host a Somerset County recruitment event on January 29, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at 27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ. The event is designed to efficiently employ as many jobseekers as possible within a two-hour window by condensing candidate review, interviewing, and job offer processes.

Event Focus:

- Supporting vulnerable populations in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) and the New Jersey Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired (NJCBVI).
- Tailored recruitment based on job preferences and qualifications collected from DVRS and NJCBVI clients.
- Employer participation coordinated by the New Jersey Department of Labor Business Service team to align openings with client needs.
- On-site interviews available for pre-registered jobseekers.
- TANF, GA, and SNAP clients in the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) program are also encouraged to pre-register.

Pre-Registration:

- Jobseekers must complete the online registration form (expected to open in early January) for on-site interview consideration.
- Event is open to all jobseekers, including those outside of the Greater Raritan area of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

Stay Connected with Greater Raritan:

1. Gain direct updates on services, events, and career resources via the text message service:
2. Text ONESTOP to (908) 460-8144
3. Receive timely notifications to enhance your job search and career development.
4. This initiative positions Greater Raritan One-Stop as an active partner in connecting jobseekers with employers and accelerating employment outcomes across Somerset County.



Greater Raritan One-Stop Work First New Jersey Program Customer Testimonial

During one of the most difficult times in her life, a participant of the Greater Raritan One-Stop Work First New Jersey program found herself navigating the challenges of domestic violence while trying to rebuild her independence and stability. The support, compassion, and guidance provided by the program became a lifeline, offering the encouragement and resources needed to take meaningful steps forward.

With the program's assistance, she regained her confidence and began a new chapter in her life. In June, she secured a position at a Georgia-based nonprofit hospital, where she now contributes to the community in a positive and impactful way. This role has not only advanced her professional growth but also deepened her passion for serving others—especially women and children facing adversity.

Her journey is a testament to the transformative impact of the Greater Raritan One-Stop Work First New Jersey program. Through determination and the right support, she overcame her challenges and is now thriving, demonstrating that healing and success are possible. She carries forward the lessons and encouragement she received, using them to inspire and uplift others on their own paths to independence.

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of autumn leaves. The leaves are primarily yellow and orange, with some green still visible at the edges. They are attached to dark brown branches. The lighting is soft, creating a warm, golden glow. The leaves are slightly out of focus, giving a sense of depth.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Visions Program Customer Testimonials

AP joined the Middle Earth Visions Program with aspirations of pursuing a career in the art industry. AP is a graduate from Hunterdon Central Regional High School. AP enrolled in the program to strengthen his job readiness skills. One of the barriers that qualified him for the program was his experience with learning disabilities, which made certain tasks more challenging for him. Reflecting on his experience, AP shared, “I was excited to join the program and I feel it helped me a lot. I feel ready to take on what’s next.”

As part of his program participation, AP gained valuable skills in resume writing, interview preparation, job searching, and other areas essential for workforce readiness. AP also successfully completed an internship with Sela Stazzone, a ceramics specialist and small business owner in Hillsborough. Through this internship, AP not only gained practical experience in creating ceramics but also developed an understanding of what it takes to operate a small business. He assisted with marketing and outreach initiatives and supported sales at the 4-H Fair, where he helped showcase and sell Sela’s products. AP internship provided him with valuable insight into both artistic craftsmanship and entrepreneurial skills. He is now in active discussions with the YES Program about how to utilize available grant funding to further his career goals

NOVEMBER 2025 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

New Training Services Customers Served: 365

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

New DVR Customers Served: 112

New Training Grants Provided: 18

Individual Assessments: 13

Youth Employment Services Referrals: 3

Active Youth Employment Services Clients: 85

SkillUp Registrants: 87

Employment Services Customer Appointments: 207

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jersey Job Club

The partners in the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center have the expertise and knowledge to help job seekers have success.

Learn more during the Jersey Job Club monthly workshop series.

In **Jersey Job Club workshops**, a Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Coach leads hour- to 90-minute-long job seeker-focused discussions. Each session in the monthly series is presented on Zoom but a limited number of in-person seats are available at the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Somerville. Topics include:

- ❖ **Top Notch Resume: Resume Writing 1** – Different resumes types, their components and the submission process.
- ❖ **Top Notch Resume: Resume Writing 2** – The importance of cover letters, professional references and follow up.
- ❖ **Acing the Interview 1** – The ins and out of preparing for an interview will be discussed.
- ❖ **Acing the Interview 2** – Two interviewing techniques and how to respond to common questions.
- ❖ **Path to Employment** – Planning your job search, Workshop 1.
- ❖ **Networking** – The best (fastest?) way to find a job.

To register for upcoming workshops, open to all residents of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, call 908-704-3000 or email shiela.gaa@dol.nj.gov, and indicate which Jersey Job Club program you want to join. Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center staff will take registrants' information and provide the details for the workshop sessions as they are scheduled. The series repeats monthly. Remember that One-Stop Career Coaches are available to assist with all job search endeavors.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center
A proud partner of the [americanjobcenter](https://www.americanjobcenter.org/) network

DOL Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

Build Your Computer Skills for Work

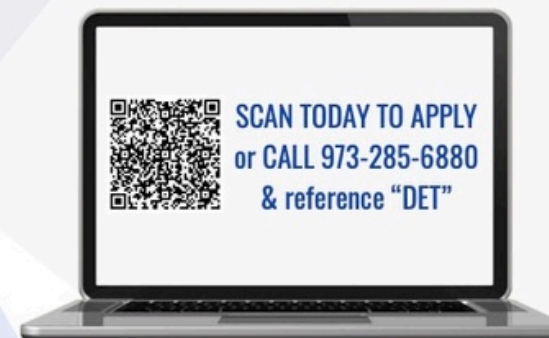
Free classes for TANF, GA, & SNAP customers in Morris, Sussex, Warren, Somerset & Hunterdon Counties

WHY JOIN?

Get comfortable using a computer for job searches, email, online forms, and workplace tools.

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- Option to borrow a laptop and hotspot, if needed
- Up to six one-on-one coaching sessions to help with barriers
- A NorthStar Digital Literacy certification
- Supportive services at completion (may include a laptop, work clothing, or other essentials)
- Ongoing follow-up and referrals to training and employment support



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WANT TO MAKE \$500?
Get paid to learn job skills and jump-start your career!

yes CAN HELP!

Scan the QR code to see if you qualify!

RESIDENTS OF SOMERSET OR HUNTERDON COUNTY AGES 16-24 OUT OF SCHOOL FACING CHALLENGES LIKE:

- LEARNING OR MENTAL HEALTH BARRIERS
- PARENTING
- FOSTER CARE
- HOMELESSNESS
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

Job Search Help

- GED & Tutoring
- Paid Career Sampling
- Work Readiness Training
- Training Grant – up to \$5,000

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