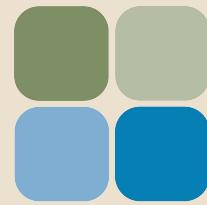


# Greater Raritan

Workforce Development Board



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The GRWDB and key partners — including federal and state funders, five competitively procured vendors, and dozens of county, non-profit and private agencies — collaborate to support a local workforce system that provides career pathways for individuals and economic growth for businesses in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N.J. See what was accomplished in the past year and how this work will expand in 2026.



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# OUR BOARD AND COMMITTEES



In collaboration with Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) staff and system team members, board members analyze workforce conditions, oversee the use of federal and state grants, and set local workforce development policies, goals and strategy. To ensure that workforce investments in Hunterdon and Somerset counties meet business needs, the GRWDB is required to have a majority of local business representation. Board members also include various business, education, labor, economic development and volunteer community leaders along with many state and county government partners. GRWDB members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties. The full board of the GRWDB meets quarterly and is supported by an Executive Committee which meets as needed.

In addition, four GRWDB committees meet at least four times throughout the year to help plan strategy and consider new initiatives in specific areas. The Disabilities Committee, the Literacy Committee, the Operations Committee, and the Youth Committee include members of the full Board as well as community members from various constituencies interested in taking part in the conversation. Information on 2026 meetings, which are open to the public, [can be found here](#). All are welcomed!

## Board Members 2025

- **Chair Violet Kocsis**, SVP of Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer, Hunterdon Healthcare System
- **Vice Chair Joanne Hala**, Associate Director, United Way of Northern New Jersey
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- **Daniel J. Sebban**, Council Representative, Northeast Council of Carpenters
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- **Corinne Steinmetz**, Superintendent, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
- **Mark Valli**, CEO, NORWESCAP

## Ex-Officio Members

- **Fernadel Almonor**, Greater Raritan One-Stop Operator
- **Zachary T. Rich**, Commissioner Liaison, Hunterdon County
- **Douglas Singleterry** (to June 2025) and **Elizabeth Graner**, Commissioner Liaisons, Somerset County

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John E. Lanza, Commissioner Director  
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Jeff Kuhl, Commissioner  
Zachary T. Rich, Commissioner  
Susan Soloway, Commissioner

### 2025 Somerset County Board of County Commissioners

Shanel Y. Robinson, Commissioner Director  
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Paul Drake, Commissioner  
Elizabeth Graner, Commissioner (from June 2025)  
Douglas Singleterry, Commissioner (to June 2025)  
Sara Sooy, Commissioner

## Join the GRWDB

To learn more about the work of the GRWDB, explore the pages of [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org), and consider attending a quarterly board meeting or join one of the GRWDB's four committees. GRWDB staff are available to meet with potential board and committee members to expand the conversation and assist with questions about board strategy and programming.

Email [info@thegrwdb.org](mailto:info@thegrwdb.org), or call GRWDB Director Paul Grzella at 908-541-5790. To join the GRWDB mobile platform and get weekly text alerts, text **onestop** to **908-460-8144**.

# OUR MISSION AND OUR WORK



**"Through policy, oversight, and planning, The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) ensures that workforce training and education are responsive to and meet the needs of employers and job seekers."**

Collaboration, flexibility and adaptability are hallmarks of how partners in the GRWDB local workforce development system approach their work. In addition to attending quarterly board and committee meetings, the team leaders of local and state partners meet monthly in lively discussions led by One-Stop Operator Fernandel Almonor. These are opportunities for partners to discuss successes and challenges while sharing best practices that help make services more impactful and effective. The Operator's report and meeting minutes are on the **Partners page** of [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org).

## Here are some notable 2025 system accomplishments:

- The GRWDB's **Summer Youth Work Experience Program** served **92** youth, up from 83 participants in 2024. The program was funded by a \$349,159 grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOl). The participants completed eight-week work experiences with **39** employers and governmental agencies in the two counties; **one** youth was hired in the fall.
- For 2025 and 2026, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners allocated an additional \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for **scholarships for in-demand training programs at Raritan Valley Community College**. In 2025, **85** Somerset County residents and individuals working for Somerset County businesses were assisted by the program, bringing the total of scholarships awarded to **147** since this program began in the fall of 2022, when initial funding was provided by the Commissioner boards in Hunterdon and Somerset county. Individuals from **20** municipalities in the two counties have studied in the new Aseptic Training program started in 2025 at RVCC's Workforce Training Center as well as RVCC's pharmacy technician, phlebotomy technician, electrocardiogram (ECG) technician, welding and manufacturing programs.
- Every four years, New Jersey's 17 local workforce boards are required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to write a Local Area Plan to help each board better serve local residents and businesses. The 2023-2026 Local Area Plan was developed following public meetings that began at the end of 2022 and the plan was accepted by the state in the summer of 2023. WIOA also requires local boards to provide updates about the Local Area Plan and its implementation since its development. The GRWDB completed the update in November. The **2023-2026 Local Plan with updates can be reviewed and downloaded here**; the updates and addenda can be found on pages 55 to 58. This includes details on recent initiatives as well as plans for 2026. The document also was updated with recent data sets and information related to current employment and career projections for the two counties. This information, with links, is detailed in the index on page three.
- Throughout 2025, GRWDB staff worked on executing the **Opportunity Partnership Grant (OPG) Manufacturing program** for unemployed and underemployed workers. This NJDOl funded grant program provided entry-level training supplied by the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program. As of December 2025, **30** individuals entered training, **11** completed and **three** found employment. The program ends in the first quarter of 2026.

## 2025 by the numbers:

*SkillUp Greater Raritan had **1,503** new registrants, and participants completed **more than 5,100** training courses over **7,552** hours of studying during the year.*

*The mobile text alert system for Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center customers attracted **555** new users; it currently has **1,587** active subscribers. In 2025, a separate text alert platform was launched for Work First New Jersey customers (WFNJ); it currently has **386** subscribers. In addition, the platform's mobile web page had **22,735** page views from **2,380** users. Text **onestop** to 908- 460-8144.*

*[www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org) had **24,008** active visitors and **31,033** page views. Users spend an average of **1 minute, 11 seconds** on the site.*

*Greater Raritan Training Center Certified Workforce Development Professional Jan Goodman led **29** in-person and virtual workshops for **1,309** job seekers.*

*The GRWDB's 2025 Job Fair at the Hindu Temple in Bridgewater in June attracted **625** job seekers who met with **68** employers. The October Somerset County Veterans Resource, Health and Job Fair drew **105** job seekers and **39** employers.*

*The GRWDB funded On-the-Job Training and Incumbent Worker Training for **12** individuals.*

*The state Employment Services team had **2,796** in-person and virtual appointments.*

*The Greater Raritan Training Center provided **152** Individual Training Grants to job seekers in the two counties.*

# OUR NEW INITIATIVES AND OUR OUTREACH



## One-Stop Operator Makes Connections

Throughout 2025, One-Stop Operator Fernandel Almonor developed and led several new community-focused initiatives designed to better connect system partners and services to job seekers and employers in Somerset and Hunterdon counties. These included:

- Quarterly, sector-focused, multi-employer **recruitment events**. The four events included a new resume-sharing component with pre-scheduled on-site interviews the day of the event. The four events resulted in more than 70 interviews and 25 job placements. The first quarterly 2026 event, to be conducted on **January 29 in Somerville**, is open to all and includes a focus to support vulnerable populations in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the N.J. Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired. Other events are planned for April 23, July 23 and October 29. Each of these recruitment events is preceded by a virtual workshop led by a Greater Raritan Career Training Center team member. The first one of 2026 is **Mastering the Interview** set for January 14.
- Facilitating a Greater Raritan One-Stop recruitment strategy workshop at the annual **National Association of Workforce Development Professionals' Business Services Conference** in Denver, Colorado, as well as leading a Greater Raritan One-Stop recruitment strategy workshop during a monthly meeting of the **Garden State Employment and Training Association** (GSETA).
- The development of three **AI text-to-video commercials** to promote Greater Raritan One-Stop services. [View one of the commercials here.](#)
- As part of the GRWDB's vision and mission to create a seamless experience for businesses and job seekers, Almonor developed a new virtual one-page tool: the **Greater Raritan One-Stop Co-Enrollment Matrix**. The matrix highlights the different state, county, local and non-profit partners providing career-related services in the Local Area. Each entry includes a description on the services being provided and is hyperlinked to a web site for additional information. The aim is to connect all workforce development partners and services, thereby enhancing system knowledge and program co-enrollment. The matrix is on the [One-Stop Partners page](#) of the website.



The Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center in Somerville restarted its free **Jersey Job Club Workshops series** in late 2025. Continuing monthly in 2026, the workshops are available in a hybrid format; virtually, through Zoom, along with a limited number of seats are available for in-person attendance at the One-Stop Career Center, 75 Veterans Memorial Drive, Somerville. The schedule and registration form are highlighted on the [home page](#) and in separate [calendar listings](#) on [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org).

## GRWDB literacy program is honored by the New Jersey Department of Labor



The GRWDB received the **2025 New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Community and Outreach Award** during the annual Garden State Employment and Training Association (GSETA) Conference on October 23, 2025. This award recognizes staff members, teams, or offices who demonstrate exceptional commitment to community engagement and outreach, particularly in effectively reaching underserved or hard-to-engage populations. The GRWDB's multi-partner First Steps Basic English program was singled out for this first-time award.

"Your work with the Somerset County Government and County Commissioners; the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County; Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission; and Raritan Valley Community College exemplifies these values and has made a meaningful impact across the community," according to the award announcement.

Since beginning at the end of 2023, this literacy program has served more than 350 individuals across Somerset County; the program is funded through 2026. The program also was highlighted at a workshop presented at the National ALICE Summit in January 2026.

# OUR PERFORMANCE



Performance Matters from Futureworks is a web-based intelligence system, utilized in New Jersey and nationwide. It tracks, analyzes and compares localized performance Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I and III data for Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth and Wagner-Peyser (Employment Services) customers. Below are Greater Raritan's performance metrics in employment, credentialing and skill gains outcomes for Program Year (PY) 2024 and the first three months of still-developing PY 2025. This data translates into real impact. The GRWDB median earning target being exceeded means that participants are getting paychecks well above plan. Credential and measurable skill gains tell similar stories. Local data collected monthly by the One-Stop Operator is shared with partners and on the [About - Performance Metrics](http://www.thegrwdb.org) page of [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org).

**PY24 -**  
July  
2024  
to  
June  
2025

Performance Summary cards											
		Employment Q2		Median Earnings		Employment Q4		Credential		Measurable Skill Gains	
Adult		104.17%		120.97%		75.76%		107.74%		140.96%	
		Actual 70.83% 17 / 24	Goal 68.00%	Actual \$9,098.00 Cohort 17	Goal \$7,521.00	Actual 50.00% 17 / 34	Goal 66.00%	Actual 72.73% 24 / 33	Goal 67.50%	Actual 94.44% 17 / 18	Goal 67.00%
Dislocated Workers		102.85%		110.34%		90.29%		103.73%		128.99%	
		Actual 65.82% 52 / 79	Goal 64.00%	Actual \$12,196.23 Cohort 52	Goal \$11,053.00	Actual 61.67% 37 / 60	Goal 68.30%	Actual 84.75% 50 / 59	Goal 81.70%	Actual 96.74% 89 / 92	Goal 75.00%
Youth		87.21%		125.50%		85.03%		142.70%		120.05%	
		Actual 60.00% 24 / 40	Goal 68.80%	Actual \$4,141.55 Cohort 22	Goal \$3,300.00	Actual 60.71% 17 / 28	Goal 71.40%	Actual 89.47% 17 / 19	Goal 62.70%	Actual 81.63% 40 / 49	Goal 68.00%
Wagner-Peyser		99.80%		187.24%		94.67%					
		Actual 53.39% 1007 / 1886	Goal 53.50%	Actual \$14,605.10 Cohort 1007	Goal \$7,800.00	Actual 56.33% 1090 / 1935	Goal 59.50%				
>All		53.41%		\$14,517.68	Cohort 1019	56.34%		81.31%		92.36%	
		Actual 53.41% 1019 / 1908		Actual \$14,517.68 Cohort 1019		Actual 56.34% 1102 / 1956		Actual 81.31% 87 / 107		Actual 92.36% 145 / 157	

**PY25 -**  
July  
2025  
to  
Sept.  
2025

Performance Summary cards											
		Employment Q2		Median Earnings		Employment Q4		Credential		Measurable Skill Gains	
Adult		115.94%		85.43%		99.50%		113.54%		73.53%	
		Actual 80.00% 4 / 5	Goal 69.00%	Actual \$6,510.37 Cohort 4	Goal \$7,621.00	Actual 66.67% 6 / 9	Goal 67.00%	Actual 77.78% 7 / 9	Goal 68.50%	Actual 50.00% 1 / 2	Goal 68.00%
Dislocated Workers		116.28%		106.58%		94.11%		94.63%		131.58%	
		Actual 75.00% 15 / 20	Goal 64.50%	Actual \$11,887.12 Cohort 15	Goal \$11,153.00	Actual 65.22% 15 / 23	Goal 69.30%	Actual 78.26% 18 / 23	Goal 82.70%	Actual 100.00% 1 / 1	Goal 76.00%
Youth		119.39%				75.34%		130.82%		72.99%	
		Actual 83.33% 5 / 6	Goal 69.80%	Actual Cohort 3	Goal \$3,400.00	Actual 54.55% 6 / 11	Goal 72.40%	Actual 83.33% 5 / 6	Goal 63.70%	Actual 50.00% 11 / 22	Goal 68.50%
Wagner-Peyser		109.08%		200.66%		99.59%					
		Actual 58.90% 301 / 511	Goal 54.00%	Actual \$15,852.22 Cohort 301	Goal \$7,900.00	Actual 59.76% 294 / 492	Goal 60.00%				
All		59.06%		\$15,828.08	Cohort 303	59.32%		78.95%		52.17%	
		Actual 59.06% 303 / 513		Actual \$15,828.08 Cohort 303		Actual 59.32% 296 / 499		Actual 78.95% 30 / 38		Actual 52.17% 12 / 23	

## LEGEND

Red

Less than 90% Achieved

Yellow

90% to 100%

Achieved

Green

Greater than 100% Achieved

## DEFINITIONS:

**Adult:** A person who is age 18 or older

**Credential:** Training resulting in industry-recognized credential for career pathways

**Dislocated Worker (DW):** A person who has been terminated or laid off, or who has received a notice of such, from employment or was self-employed but is unemployed as a result of economic conditions

**Employment Q2 and Employment Q4:** Is working in unsubsidized employment in either the second quarter or the fourth quarter after exiting program

**LWDB:** Local Workforce Development Board

**Program Year (PY):** Runs from July 1 to June 30

**Wager-Peyser (WP):** A jobseeker utilizing the programs offered by Employment Services in the One-Stop system

**Youth:** Out-of-school youth 16 to 24 years of age.

**Note:** In each box under the percentages are two numbers separated by a slash. The first number is the **Numerator** - the total clients who successfully completed a program. The second number is the **Denominator** - the total clients in the category receiving services

# OUR FINANCES, MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Federal and state grants fund the direct services and outreach efforts provided by the GRWDB and its partner programs in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties. Beginning in July 2025, the 12-month program year and funding cycles were updated by the N.J. Department of Labor: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs continues to run from July to June while WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) runs from October to September. The GRWDB budget for the first quarter of Program Year 2025 and a carryover WFNJ budget for July to September 2025 were approved by the full board at its June 2025 meeting. In September 2025, the board approved the full P25 WIOA budget and the WFNJ PY25 budget. The separate budgets below show the amounts awarded for each funding stream and how the budget apportions funding for programmatic and administrative purposes. This includes programmatic contracted vendor services as well as GRWDB programmatic and administrative services. These budgets, which can be amended with approval, do not include additional GRWDB funding for competitively awarded state grants (the TANF Innovation program which ended in December of 2025, and the Summer Youth Work Experience Program) as well as American Rescue Plan funding awarded by Somerset County for programs detailed on Pages 3 and 4 of this report.

WIOA	
GRANT TOTAL	2,890,774
<b>ADULT</b>	
Salary & Wage Admin	25,211
Salary & Wage Prgm	180,382
Rent Admin	2,698
Rent Prgm	18,611
Travel & Training - PRGM	12,161
Other Exps - ADMIN	1,000
Other Prgm Exps	7,000
Fringe Admin	15,997
Fringe Prgm	100,040
Incumbent Worker Training	40,000
Supportive Services	10,000
GRWDB Special Project - PRGM	40,908
ITAs - PRGM	45,868
Other Exps	5,000
One-Stop Operator	32,910
	537,785
Contract Svcs - Data Reporting	12,971
<b>DISLOCATED WORKER</b>	
Salary & Wage Admin	10,906
Salary & Wage Prgm	231,592
Rent Admin	729
Rent Prgm	26,765
Travel & Training - PRGM	28,356
Other Exps ADMIN	1,500
Other Prgm Exps	7,000
Fringe Admin	4,723
Fringe Prgm	118,602
OJT	60,000
Supportive Services	20,000
GRWDB Special Project - PRGM	264,684
One-Stop Operator	60,335
Other Exps	7,000
ITAs - PRGM	662,500
	1,504,691
<b>YOUTH</b>	
Salary & Wage Admin	21,127
Salary & Wage Prgm	169,989
Rent Admin	1,866
Rent Prgm	25,164
Travel & Training-PRGM	13,188
Other Exps - ADMIN	2,000
Other Prgm Exps	3,000
Fringe Admin	11,429
Fringe Prgm	91,981
Contracts - PRGM	300,000
GRWDB Special Project	85,616
One-Stop Operator	10,970
Other Exps	7,000
ITAs - PRGM	104,967
	848,297
<b>PY24 CARRYOVER YOUTH</b>	
RVCC Aseptic Training	440,000
Visions Program	30,200

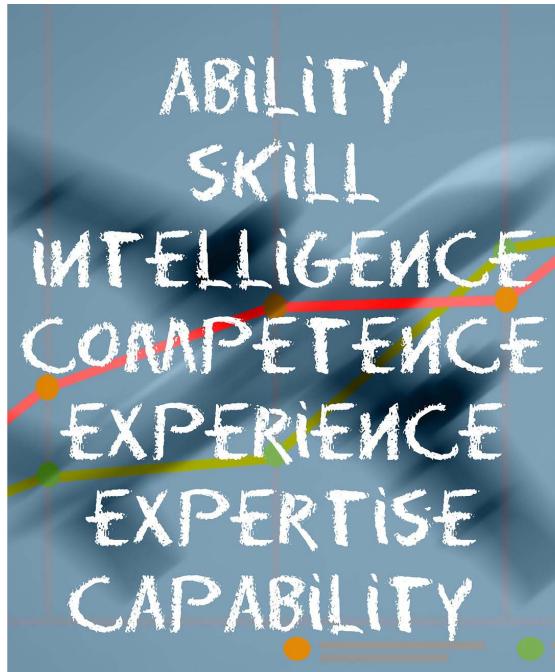
WFNJ	
GRANT TOTAL	880,797
<b>SNAP/GA</b>	
Salary & Wage Admin	9,013
Salary & Wage Prgm	1,212
Rent Admin	643
Rent Prgm	4,645
Other Exps - ADMIN	527
Other Prgm Exps	525
Fringe Admin	4,842
Fringe Prgm	1,566
Contracts - PRGM	267,029
Transportation- PRGM	61,500
Training PRGM	2,128
Chromebooks - PRGM	2,103
One-Stop Operator	1,785
	357,517
<b>TANF</b>	
Salary & Wage Admin	10,410
Salary & Wage Prgm	12,301
Rent Admin	819
Rent Prgm	6,548
Other Exps - ADMIN	1,500
Other Prgm Exps	2,730
Fringe Admin	5,633
Fringe Prgm	6,657
Contracts - PRGM	375,155
Transportation- PRGM	88,500
Training - PRGM	6,000
Chromebooks - PRGM	3,027
One-Stop Operator	4,000
	523,280

The budgets are created by the GRWDB's Business and Finance Manager who tracks and reports on them monthly. Budget updates are shared at quarterly board meetings, and in the agendas in the **Events-Meeting Packages** tab of the website. GRWDB expense reports are reviewed by the board's fiscal agent, Somerset County, prior to submission for state review and reimbursement. GRWDB staff and board members also do annual programmatic and fiscal monitoring of all vendor contracts, including the One-Stop Operator (Empower Somerset), Training Services (Somerset County Department of Human Services), WorkFirst New Jersey (Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission) and Youth Services (Middle Earth and Hunterdon County Polytech). After in-person monitorings, (to be conducted in January and March of 2026), reports are reviewed at full board quarterly meetings.

# OUR SUCCESS STORIES



Every individual has their own story. Throughout the year, local system partners share the success stories of some of their clients with One-Stop Operator Fernandel Almonor, who then highlights a select number in his monthly One-Stop Operator Report. These reports are on the **About - Greater Raritan's One-Stop Partners** page of [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org). In addition, select stories are highlighted in the **Resources- Success Stories** tab on the website. Here are some to consider:



## Internship Provided Job Insights

A youth client joined the Middle Earth Visions Program with aspirations of pursuing a career in the art industry. The client, a Hunterdon Central Regional High School graduate, enrolled in the GRWDB-funded WIOA 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. Reflecting on his experience, the client said, "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, the client gained skills in resume writing, interview preparation, job searching, and other areas essential for workforce readiness. He also successfully completed an internship with a Somerset County ceramics specialist and business owner. Through this internship, he gained practical experience in creating ceramics while developing an understanding of what it takes to operate a small business. He assisted with marketing and outreach initiatives and supported sales at a local event, where he helped showcase and sell the business products. The internship provided him with valuable insight into artistic craftsmanship and entrepreneurial skills. He also is in active discussions with the Local Area's YES Program about how to utilize available grant funding to further his career goals.

## Personal Determination + Right Training = Career Success

When an adult client 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. She had been out of work since 2023, after leaving her job at a local supermarket. Although she was unable to collect unemployment benefits, she received SNAP assistance through the Board of Social Services.

Despite being out of the workforce for over a year, the client was determined and motivated to get back on track. One thing that stood out to her career navigator was the client's strong organizational skills. She also 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.

The client 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. Lacking reliable transportation, she also needed a quiet place to study. To get to her goal, she often used the One-Stop's Career Training Services Center's quiet spaces or visited the local library. The client's persistence paid off; she completed the 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.

The client's journey is a clear example of how determination, the right training, and the support of local system partners can lead to meaningful career opportunities.

# OUR PARTNERS

Collaborative partnerships support the mission and vision of the GRWDB. System partners connect employers and job seekers to the services offered by a variety of local, county and state public and private entities, resulting in a flexible, seamless, robust and proactive local system. Partner relationships and actions are outlined in the 2024-2026 MOU agreement on the [About - Partners page of www.thegrwdb.org](#). Here are some current workforce system partners. If your organization isn't on the list, and you would like to become involved, reach out to GRWDB staff.

## Business Services Partners

**New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development**, including Business Services Representatives and the Industry Partnership Initiative, Employment Services, Office of Apprenticeship, Office of Research and Information, Veterans Workforce Program,

**New Jersey Department of Children & Families, Division on Women**

**New Jersey Business Action Center**

**NJBIA (NJ Business & Industry Association)**

**New Jersey Economic Development Authority**

**RVCC Workforce Training Center**

**Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce**

**Hunterdon County Economic Development**

**Somerset County Business Partnership**

**goHunterdon; RideWise**

## Educational Institution Partners

**Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission**

**Hunterdon County Polytech Career & Technical School**

**New Jersey Council of County Colleges**

**Raritan Valley Community College**

**Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools**

## Healthcare Partners

**Hunterdon Healthcare**

**Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset**

## Special Populations Partners

**NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development**, including Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, National Farmworkers Job Program, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Unemployment Insurance

**Hunterdon County** – Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, Division of Social Services, Youth Services Commission

**Center for Educational Advancement, Hunterdon Helpline, Prevention Resources, The StarThrower Group, United Way of Hunterdon County**

**Somerset County** – Board of Social Services, Community Development Block Grant, Office on Aging and Disability Services, Youth Services

**Alternatives, Community in Crisis, EmpowerSomerset, Healthier Somerset, Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, Matheny School, Middle Earth, United Way of Northern New Jersey**

## Government Partners

**Somerset County**, including Board of County Commissioners, Department of Human Services, Economic Development Division, Planning Division

**Hunterdon County**, including Board of County Commissioners, and Department of Human Services

**Libraries**, including Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, Hunterdon County Library System, Bernards Township Library, Bernardsville Public Library, Franklin Township Public Library, Raritan Public Library

**Garden State Employment and Training Association**

**New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission**

## Learn more

This 2024-2025 Annual Report and past reports are housed on the [About - Annual Reports](#) tab of [www.thegrwdb.org](#).

Visit [www.thegrwdb.org](#), follow the GRWDB on Facebook and LinkedIn, or contact GRWDB staff directly for more information. Staff members are happy to meet – in person or virtually – with any business, community agency or public body in either county to explain the work being done and how this work benefits different stakeholders. Contact:



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