

BACK ON TRACK

Welcome to the first issue of the FYI for 2010! The very fact that this issue is making it's debut in late February, attests to how the New Year began at the **CareerLink** in Monroe County. Overall 2010 started pretty much the way we ended 2009-busy.

From seminar attendance to job seekers using the Career Resource room; from the number of individuals applying for training, to all time highs in the number of hits experienced by the Monroe County CareerLink website, January saw record numbers in all statistics kept by this office.

Special programs have become a regular occurrence, and we are will certainly continue to offer them in 2010. Last month an information session on "Financial Aid for Higher Education" was presented by Cathy Caffrey, the Assistant Regional Director of the PHEAA Regional Office. This provided timely information to our customers on the PA Higher Education Assistance Agency, applications for FAFSA and other services available to students.

The ARRA Weatherization Training Orientation, also held last month, had 16 interested applicants attend. We conducted the WIN testing and then moved the appropriate individuals on to Work Keys in Lackawanna County. Those candidates completing the process will receive vouchers for the Weatherization Training program starting March 8th at Johnson College. (more on the Stimulus funding programs.)

The US Census Bureau has been at our CareerLink three times this year twice to administer employment tests for over 40 pre-registered applicants....and they will be back. We are also a sign up and information area for other Census testing points.

These are just a few of the events that have been keeping staff and partners hopping. Stay tuned as we keep you up to date with the many CareerLink happenings that are to come.

What's going on Next Week.....

"Resumes & Cover Letters"

Presented by Kim J.

Monday, March 1st 9-11:00 am

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, March 2nd, 10:00-11:00 am

"Mock Interviews with Interview Stream"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, March 2nd, 12:00-2:00 pm

"Career Exploration"

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, March 3rd 9:00 am-2:30 pm

"Computer Basics"

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, March 5th, 9-10:00 am

"Resume Critique"

By appointment with Kim J.

Fri, March 5th, 9:00-11:00 am

ONE YEAR LATER

One year after President Obama and Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, governor Edward G. Rendell said the federal Recover program has helped the nation's economy to stabilize and begin recovering through smart investments like helping families make their homes more energy efficient.

Under the federal program, Pennsylvania will receive \$253million over three years through the state Weatherization Assistance Program that will allow the commonwealth to weatherize about 30,000 units, which will create at least 1,000 jobs. Pennsylvania's share was the fourth-largest state allocations, behind only New York, Texas and Ohio.

"We hear so much about the billions of federal Recovery dollars that states are investing to help people and create jobs, prompting some naysayers to question whether such investments are justifiable. Well I say they are," said Governor Rendell. "These funds are helping families to save money on their utility bills while creating demand for the services of weatherization contractors and suppliers, which translates into even more jobs. If it weren't for the stimulus package, states and millions of Americans would be far worse off."

"At a time when our nation was grappling with the greatest economic collapse since the Great Depression, these funds were literally providing a lifeline and saving jobs. Our state lost 4,300 jobs in the final quarter of 2009, but if not for the stimulus, we estimate that as many as 12,000 jobs would have been lost. Without Recovery funds, we would have faced some very tough choices; close prisons and let thousands of offenders go free; cut funding to public schools by 50 percent and, as a result, lay off more than 100,000 school employees; or if we didn't have the \$2 billion state fiscal relief that stimulus provided, we would have had to lay off 37,000 state employees-half our workforce-to balance the budget.

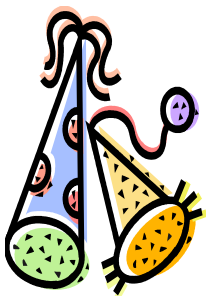
"It's clear that the Recovery program is working, despite what the doubters say. The nation lost only 20,000 jobs in January 2010-down from three quarters of a million jobs in the same month one year earlier and we saw the national Gross Domestic Product grow in the fourth quarter of 2009 at its fastest pace in six years-5.7%

For more information about the Recovery Act and the state's weatherization assistance program, visit www.recover.pa.gov.

Happy Winter Birthdays to:

Julio Masdiaz , Chyrl Zickgraf in January

& Mike McGowan in February



Our Mission

**"The Primary Source of Excellence in
Workforce Development in the
Pocono Communities"**



TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



Business Services TEAM



The U.S. Census Bureau will be at the CareerLink on 3 consecutive Fridays in March-Friday, March 5th, 12th and 19th at 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm to administer employment tests to pre-registered applicants for the Census Enumerator positions open throughout Monroe county. Interested applicants must call 1-866-861-2010, give their zip code, and will be registered to take the test on one of the test dates. The Enumerator position pays \$10.00 / hr. and will start late March or April and last through the end of the Census. .

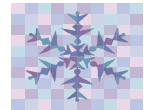
Customer Information & Resource TEAM



The seminar “Help B 4 U 4 Close” has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Presented by Century 21 Unlimited Real Estate, the Help B 4 U 4 Close team specialize in educating families with alternatives to a home foreclosure. Attendees of this workshop will hear live testimonies of actual families who were able to avoid a home foreclosure because of the information they received through the Help B 4 U 4 Close team. If you or someone you know is having difficulty making the mortgage payments, call 570-620-2850 to reserve your seat.



Farewells and Welcomes



At the end of 2009, we were sorry to have to bid good bye and good luck to **Jay Shumaker, Experience Works** as he entered retirement. We weren't left totally in the lurch. Before the New Year started, we had the good fortune of getting, **Delores Casalaspro** on board as the new Employment and Training Assistant. **Delores** has stepped up to the plate and is serving the senior population that comes into the **CareerLink**. Kudos and Welcome to our office **Delores!**



Careerlink Staff Recognitions



The following CareerLink Staff members were recently recognized for service above and beyond the call of duty during these busy times:

Lani Culley

Kim Jones

Julio Masdiaz

Ken Oakman

Harriet Barone

Jackie Healey



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Pocono Transcrete Inc

—Concrete Mixer Driver
-web 679152

Hayward Laboratories

—Warehouse Supervisor
-web 679651
—Plant Maintenance Mechanic
-web 679113

Pocono Metal

—Spot Welder
-web 677477



KMB Plumbing & Electric

—HVAC Mechanic
-web 676652

Citizens Bank

—Assistant Branch Manager
-web 680293
—Customer Service
-web 678085



Coca Cola Enterprises Inc

—Territory Account Manager
-web 678589

Writing on the Wall

**Nobody can go back and
start a new beginning,
but anyone can start today
and make a new ending.**

— Maria Robinson

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