



## UC DEBIT CARDS

Starting Monday, October 15th, MasterCard-backed debit cards will be distributed to new unemployment benefit recipients who did not opt for direct deposit.

The program will make the benefits process easier for customers and it will eventually save at least \$2 million annually thanks to reduced mailing and check-processing costs. The first-year savings is anticipated to be \$1 million.

“Even in good economic times, job loss is an unfortunate reality for some workers,” Governor Rendell said. “We are working hard to minimize that unpleasant experience by maximizing the convenience and security of unemployment benefits. Everyone benefits when we deliver government services in the most cost-efficient way possible.”

Debit cards increase security, reduce fraud and provide instant, 24-hour access to cash without surcharges at nearly 2,400 automatic teller machines in Pennsylvania and more than 18,000 ATMs nationwide. The cards can be used like cash for services such as medical appointments and necessities such as groceries and gas.

Debit cards are expected to reduce fraud by eliminating stolen, lost and misdirected checks. Benefit recipients without bank accounts will no longer have to rely on fee-based check cashing services and can obtain account information online through a secure Web site, or a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week toll-free phone number.

People already receiving unemployment benefits by check have the option of continuing to do so through February. Then, checks will no longer be an option. In addition, workers’ compensation benefits paid through the State Workers Insurance Fund will also be offered via debit cards next month but recipients will continue to have checks as an option due to statutory requirements.

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### What’s going on Next Week.....

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#### “Computerized O’Net s”

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon, October 22nd 9:00-10:30am

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#### “Computer Basics”

Presented by Ken O.

Mon, October 22nd, 2:00-3:00 pm

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#### “Interview Basics”

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 23rd 12-1:00 pm

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#### “Salary Negotiations”

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 23rd 1:30-2:00 pm

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#### “Career Explorations”

Presented by Sharone G.

Wed, October 24th, 9:00am-2:30 pm

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Direct deposit will continue to be an alternative for all benefit recipients.

The debit card program will be administered by the Department of Labor & Industry in conjunction with ACS, a business process and information technology solutions company that administers financial benefits programs in 16 states, including Pennsylvania. DPW has administered child support benefits via debit cards since 2004, producing a savings of \$5 million in mailing costs alone.

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# BON VOYAGE....



...Was conveyed to all CareerLink Staff heading off to 200 Career Guidance Track series training! During the October Staff In Service, **PA CareerLink Monroe County** Team Leaders threw a “send off” Pizza Party to “cheer” on everyone who’s heading off to Career Guidance “200” training in the coming weeks. This training is the next step, following CareerLink 101, in the PA CareerLink Training and Credentialing Program created and delivered by Penn State University. This training will be available to all front line staff (even if you’re not scheduled for this round-your time will come) and is designed to provide across the state consistency, while enhancing staff performance.

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# NEWS CLIPS



**Movement towards reauthorization of WIA has shown few signs of progress in Congress this year.** Progress on the Labor-HHS appropriations bill (the bill that funds most workforce development programs) is also slow. Congress watchers expect one or more “continuing resolutions” to keep programs running after the new fiscal year begins October 1st.

**When people think of dangerous occupations, jobs like mining and deep sea fishing come to mind.** But according to the US Department of Labor’s most recent Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention, 2.5% of real estate businesses reported an incident of workplace violence in 2005. Being a real estate agent means being alone in empty houses and getting into cars with total strangers on a daily basis. The National Association of Realtors now offers an online safety course. For more information, visit <http://www.realtor.org/Safety>.



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*Happy October Birthday to.....*

*Jackie Fazio*

*Hope Gibson*

*Tom Coyne*





# TEAMOLOGY

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



## Business Services TEAM



On Thursday, October 4th, CHILDFIRST SERVICES INC of Bethlehem (Spectrum Community Services) held a recruitment at the CareerLink for Child Care Worker positions in southern Monroe and Carbon counties. These workers work with behaviorally and socially disadvantaged youth in group home settings. All shifts are available. They will be back again, recruiting for more applicants on Thursday, October 25th, from 9am-3pm.

On Thursday Oct 18th, WEILER CORPORATION was here recruiting for production workers and maintenance mechanics. If any job seekers are interested in WEILER, please have them go directly to the site in Cresco.

The Holidays are just around the corner! UPS will be here Monday, October 22nd from 10a.m. to 3p.m. recruiting seasonal driver helpers and distribution center helpers for the holiday season. Next Monday will probably be the first of two recruitment visits to be held here that will be followed up by an orientation session for selected candidates sometime the middle of November. Job order 515854 applies and specifies that all interested applicants MUST complete the on-line application process for driver helper at [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com) before being interviewed next week.



## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



Gee, it seems just when we introduce them to the staff, our very qualified Greeters from the Experience Works older worker training program are offered employment! **Mary Bailey** is the most recent one to move on. **Mary** has started full time employment with OLD NAVY! We want to thank her for the great work she did for us, and wish her the best at her new job!

Joining the team on October 9th, we WELCOME **Lorraine Miller!** She will be at the front desk reception area and has also been learning the phone and back administrative operations.



At September's Staff In Service, **Sharone Glasco**, CareerLink Workshop/Orientation Coordinator, presented the staff in attendance an overview of all Seminars and Workshops. The Workshop Toolkit was also explained. Toolkits are "helpful resources used to assist customers based on their skills. Customers are at varying developmental stages of marketing themselves. Toolkits have been designed to capture all phases of job market exploration and preparation." Any questions? See **Sharone!**



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Burnley Workshop

—Job Coach-Vocational  
-web 511614

## Patterson-Kelley Corporation

—Cost Accountant  
-web 516254  
—Programmer and Analyst  
-web 516072

## National Electrical Carbon Products

—Maintenance Electrician  
-web 510617

## Pleasant Valley Manor

—Assistant Director of Nursing  
-web 514802

## Skytop Lodge

—Fishing and Shooting Shop Attendant  
-web 515749  
—Plumber  
-web 513696

## ADECCO

—Customer Service  
-web 515756



## Writing on the Wall

**When one door closes another door opens.  
But we so often look so long and so regretfully  
upon the closed door, that we do not  
see the ones which open for us.**

—Alexander Graham Bell

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