



## PROGRAMS ON THE MOVE

Today's global economy has created the need for a workforce with strong academic, workplace and technical skills. "Job Ready Pennsylvania", a complete overhaul of the commonwealth's workforce development system, provides a focus on businesses, training providers, and jobseekers. This comprehensive strategy recognizes that to maintain its innovative edge, Pennsylvania needs a workforce with higher levels of education and marketable credentials in high-wage, high-demand occupations

On Thursday, October 16, 2008, **PA CareerLink Monroe County** presented a "**Logistics & Transportation Symposium**", the first in a series of programs highlighting industry clusters of high demand occupations.

The program offered our job seekers and participants an in depth look at occupations and featured presentations from top employers and training provider in the logistics and transportation industry that outlined real jobs available now and in the future.

To kick off the program, an overview was given by **Bertha Maya**, Executive Board Member of the Northeast PA Logistics and Transportation Industry Partnership to show how this organization identifies workforce development needs that help connect employers of the industry with workers. Facilitation and overview of how **CareerLink Services** can assist the job seekers was done by Workshop Coordinator, **Sharone Glasco**.

The following companies participated in the program:

- **Catherine Spence**      **GENCO Supply Solutions**
- **Ron Geyer**      **US Express**
- **Bertha Maya**      **Versacold**
- **Tina Frindt**      **Northampton Community College**
- **Sheryl Youngblood**      **Smith & Solomon**
- **Mike Shibak**      **Transamerican Technical**
- The Logistics and Transportation cluster isolates industries that are related to the storage, transportation and distribution of goods. This cluster includes all modes

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

#### "Find a Job You'll Love!"

Presented by Sharone G.

Monday, October 27th, 9:30-11:30

#### "Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 28th, 10:00-11:00

#### "Interviews Basics"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 28th, 12-1:30 pm

#### "Career Exploration"

Presented by Sharone G.

Wed, October 29th 9-2:30 pm

#### "Computer Basics"

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, October 31st, 9-10:00 am

#### Our Mission

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

of transportation including pipelines as well as logistics consulting and other supporting industries. Pennsylvania is the corridor for the Northeast. Our ports, rail systems, and highways make us highly competitive in the warehousing and shipment of goods. As these services increasingly become mechanized, a qualified workforce becomes vital to future development efforts.



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## PA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION



Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force — the number of people working or looking for work — rose to 6,444,000 in September, an increase of 41,000 from August. Resident employment rose by 46,000 from August, while unemployment was down by 5,000 residents over the month. The labor force was up 160,000 since September 2007, with both employment and unemployment up over the year. Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in September, down one tenth of a percentage point from August. The United States' rate was unchanged at 6.1 percent. September marks the fifth consecutive month that the state's unemployment rate has been below the national rate. Over the year, Pennsylvania's rate was up 1.3 percentage points, while the U.S. rate was up 1.4 percentage points.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted nonfarm job count fell by 12,200 in September to 5,789,400. Only the information sector showed employment growth, adding 600 jobs in September. Nationally, jobs were down 159,000 in September.

Since September 2007, the Pennsylvania jobs total was down 6,700. Since January 2003, the state has added 163,700 jobs.

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## CareerLink TEAM Meeting Schedule

**Administration Team:** Wednesday, November 5th at 10:00 am.

**Business Services Team:** Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00 am.

**Career Guidance Team:** Thursday, November 20th at 9:00 am.

**Customer Information & Resource Team:** Wednesday, November 5th at 2:30 pm.

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*Happy October Birthday to....*



*Jackie Fazio*

*Hope Gibson*



# TEAMOLOGY

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



## Welcome Wagon!

We take this moment to extend a big CareerLink welcome to some new faces in our office. Our Reception area has been operating with a new Greeter since early this month-**Jackie Richardson** is from Experience Works.

Also new on the scene is **Jacqueline Fabiano**, an Employment Coach from **Goodwill Industries** who will be assisting in the Career Resource Room. Great to have you both on board!



## Business Services TEAM

Christmas is just around the corner, and **United Parcel Service** is once again looking for about **50 holiday season truck driver helpers**. These jobs are part-time, 30 hour workweeks, lasting from approx. Dec. 8th to just after Christmas at \$8.50 / HR. Job order # 602147 applies. All applicants **MUST APPLY VIA THE UPS WEBSITE** [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com) and complete the application for driver helper to be considered. Selected applicants will be directed back to the website to complete the application process and will then be scheduled to one of the three orientation sessions scheduled here at the Monroe County CareerLink.



## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



The Seminar “**Legal Barriers to Employment**”, presented by attorney’s from **North Penn Legal Services Inc.**, is scheduled for Friday, October 24th 10:00 am-11:00 am. This seminar is a must for anyone with....Legal Employment Questions.....A Criminal Record.....Ex Offenders.

Mark your calendars for the following special seminars and events for **Health Careers Week, November 9th to 14th!** The “**Healthcare Employer Symposium**” will be held Monday, November 10, 2008, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Designed to give job seekers an in depth look at high demand health care careers, this symposium will feature panel presentations by top employers in the health care profession. “**Healthcare Training Opportunities**” is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008, 9:00 am-12:00 noon to provide information on training opportunities and includes presentations by area training providers, financial aid officers and workforce training professionals.





# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Farry Electric

—Electrician  
-web 601986

## RedCo Group

—Therapist  
-web 597025  
—Case Manager  
-web 596468



## Vertellus Health & Specialty Products

—Chemical Operator  
-web 600894

## Cluck University Chicken

—Restaurant Manager  
-web 599414  
—Food Preparation Workers  
-web 599577



## NE PA Community Federal Credit Union

—Archive Specialist  
-web 597025

## RX Home Care Inc..

—Home Health Care Aides  
-web 598243



## WRITING ON THE WALL

**Slumps are like a soft bed.  
They're easy to get into  
and hard to get out of.**

**-Johnny Bench**

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