



EMERGENCY RELIEF

As the grip of a national recession continues to tighten around families across Pennsylvania, Governor Edward G. Rendell announced unprecedented emergency executive actions intended to provide immediate relief to citizens in need and spark economic recovery.

The Governor's proposed 2009-10 budget, which is awaiting action now by the General Assembly, includes a significant economic relief and recovery agenda that would provide tuition relief, health care assistance and job creation. However, the Governor said immediate action is needed because some families cannot wait any longer for help.

"Last month more of our citizens lost their jobs, more of our citizens lost their health care, more of our families made hard decisions about which necessities to cut out of their family budgets," Governor Rendell said. "Even though billions of federal stimulus dollars will flow into the state in the coming months, many families need help now. So, today I am taking executive actions that will provide some measure of relief, recovery and hope in the coming days and weeks to those families most in need."

The following executive actions will take effect immediately and be paid for with existing revenues which are being re-prioritized and redirected to meet emergency economic needs:

HEALTH CARE

Governor Rendell announced that he is cutting the Adult Basic waiting list by as many as 16,000 people. The current waiting list includes more than 200,000 individuals — an increase of 25,000 from just last month. He also asked for the plan to be expanded to include generic prescription drug and behavioral health coverage.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Governor Rendell is directing \$5 million to mortgage assistance to ensure that recently unemployed workers can keep their homes while they are retraining and finding new jobs.

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

Governor Rendell is committing \$6.6 million to extend home heating assistance until April 3, to benefit approximately

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

"Resumes & Cover Letters"

Presented by Kim J.

Mon, March 16, 9-10:30 am

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, March 17, 10:00-11:00 am

"Mock Interviews"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, March 17, 1-2:00 pm

"Career Exploration"

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, March 18, 9-2:30 pm

"Resume Critique"

By Appointment with Debbie H.

Fri, March 20, 9-12:00 noon

Our Mission

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

19,000 families.

UNEMPLOYMENT COUNSELING SERVICES

Governor Rendell is ordering state-run Pennsylvania **CareerLink** centers to expand operations in the coming months. **PA CareerLink** centers help workers find jobs and employers find workers. They provide job training and résumé writing assistance, and a host of other important job counseling services. For more information about **PA CareerLink** centers, visit www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us.

“We will do all we can to put jobless Pennsylvanians in touch with potential employers, and ready them for new jobs,” the Governor said. “When a parent living paycheck to paycheck loses his or her job, they have no time to waste finding new work. Our **PA CareerLink** centers offer critical job counseling and training services, and now will work even harder putting people to work.”

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Pennsylvanians now are able to access and use a new Web site to find the best price for prescription drugs in their area. The website, www.parxpricefinder.com, will give consumers a list of local pharmacies with price comparisons.

More information on existing government resources available to help residents make ends meet during tough economic times is available at: www.HereToHelp.pa.gov.

BUILDING A WEBSITE



With 15 years in the computer industry, and an additional 8 years running a “dot com” business, **Rita Lacey** from Close the Loop LLC offered her expertise and experience to **CareerLink** customers on Friday, March 6th by presenting the workshop “**Building a Business Website**”. The subject was extremely timely and relevant for the seventeen individuals in attendance providing ample opportunity for networking and questions. The 4 hour workshop covered the following:

- Planning and Creating a New Business
- What you need to get started
- Getting Started Online, Domain name, Website
- Promoting Your Business
- Closing the deal
- Getting additional free help



The mission of Ms. Lacey’s business, Close the Loop, is to help preserve our environment by regarding our waste as an integral resource rather than an unwanted by-products, and to assist in the development and marketing of consumer products to foster movement toward a sustainable materials economy. Their goal is to “close the loop” in the last open link of the recycling circle by offering safe, quality products from recycled materials. Close the Loop serves the needs of business & residential, schools, municipalities & the military with the finest recycles & green products on the market today! For more information, go to www.closestheloop.com.



Happy March Birthday to.....

Michael Bader

Pat Hoffman





TEAMOLOGY

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



Administration TEAM

CAREER Quest is Coming.....Tuesday, April 14, 2009 is the 7th annual CAREER Quest. There are 39 vendors registered to date. Spread the word, and let any employers you are working with know that there are still plenty of openings for Monroe County's largest job Fair!



Career Guidance TEAM

Career Guidance Team Welcome

We are very excited to welcome **Jackie Healey** as the newest member of our team. She is the new Career Counselor and she brings a lot of energy to the team!!! Give her a warm **CareerLink** welcome!

Customer Information & Resource TEAM

...Continue with the Welcome Wagon!

Last month, as part of the initiative to assist the flow of increasing numbers of Unemployment Compensation claimants, **PA CareerLink's** were given the option to receive a security guard. We are pleased to announce that **Brigit Giordano**, from Leonard's Security Services started working our front desk/resource room area on February 17th.



....Thanks go to: **Rita Lacey** for presenting the seminar "Building a Business Website" and to **George Cichowicz, Prime Tech Training**, for providing the very necessary technical hook up for the special workshop held last Friday.

The next North Western PA Optical Clinic will be at PA CareerLink Monroe County on Monday March 16, 2009 , 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To make an appointment, or for more information, please call 1-800-901-1912.

Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Tuesday , March 17th at 10:00 am.

Business Services Team: Wednesday, March 11th at 11:00 am.

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, March 19th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Wednesday, April 1st at 2:30 pm.





JOB ORDERS Spotlight



NE PA Community Federal Credit Union

—Teller
-web 6234100

Dunkin Donuts Mountain View Donuts LLC

—Food Prep/Baker Assistant
-web 621208
—Janitor
-web 621214

Hayward Laboratories

—HDC Supervisor
-web 621120

Verizon

—Consultant II Call Center
-web 621554

Fernwood (Bushkill Group)

—Restaurant Manager/Service Trainer
-web 622733
—Cook
-web 622741

Motts Auto Repair Inc

—Auto Mechanic
-web 620437



WRITING ON THE WALL

**People often say that
motivation doesn't last.
Well, neither does bathing - that's
why we recommend it daily.**

-Zig Ziglar

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