

PA OFFERS HELP

Welcome to the first edition of the PA CareerLink Monroe County FYI for 2009! As we bid good bye (in some cases good riddance) to 2008, we look forward to the new beginning for everyone. Our wish to all is a very happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year. Moving forward, we are excited about bringing our readers what we expect to be many stories of interest that will outline the challenges and successes the coming year will bring.

Last month, Governor Edward G. Rendell launched an online resource page – www.heretohelp.pa.gov – making it easier for citizens to find resources offered through existing government programs.

“We understand that the faltering national economy has left many families and businesses facing tough times,” said Wolff. “Whether it’s finding help putting food on the table, getting health insurance for a child through CHIP, locating workforce training opportunities, or applying for property tax relief, the ‘Here to Help’ Web site puts many beneficial programs under one umbrella. That makes it easier for families to obtain services and resources that can get them through these tough times.

The Web site offers programs grouped by the following topics: employment, family services, housing, older Pennsylvanians, and economic development.

The Employment section is there to help the many people who are experiencing lay-offs or losing their jobs.

The page provides information on the recent expansion of unemployment services, including extended call-in hours and increased levels of staff to help claimants. Visitors can also find a link to file an unemployment compensation claim online, which is the most convenient and efficient way to do so. Additional information is available for job training and job opportunities.

Parents can find information on enrolling their children in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or themselves in the Adult Basic health insurance program. There

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What’s going on Next Week.....

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, January 20, 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Sharone & Kim J.

Wed, January 20, 1-2:00 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Sharone & Kim J.

Wed, January 21, 9:00-2:30pm

“Computer Basics”

Presented by Ken O.

Friday, January 23, 9-10:00 am

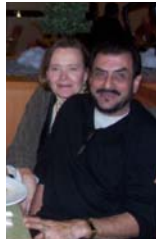
Our Mission

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

is a waiting list for adults, but once you are on the waiting list you are able purchase coverage for \$330. The Family Services section includes a wide range of resources including the resources available for food for women and children, health care for the neediest Pennsylvanians, and even tips for those who wish to quit smoking. A link is also provided to the state's Treasury Department where residents can search to see whether they have any unclaimed property. The Housing section is a place to go for help in lowering and paying your heating bills, tips to better manage your money, and mortgage assistance. The Older Pennsylvanians section is a destination for older adults looking to sign-up for PACE/PACEnet prescription assistance or the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program. More than 110,000 seniors have had their property taxes eliminated in Pennsylvania, but thousands of yet to sign up for their rebate. The Economic Development section includes information to help business owners weather this economic downturn, including information on grant and loan programs.

ONE LAST PEEK AT 2008....

Just a few short weeks ago the PA CareerLink Monroe County held the first “out of the office” Holiday Party at Mount Airy Resort and Casino. Below are just of few of the highlights of that great gathering!



Happy January Birthday to.....

Cheryl Zickgraf

Sharone Glasco





TEAMOLOGY

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

CareerLink

Business Services TEAM

The US Census Bureau will be recruiting and testing at the PA CareerLink Monroe County on Thursday, January 22nd, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please inform all interested Job Seekers that they should call the toll free number (1-866-861-2010) to be scheduled for the test. Walk ins will be accepted as long as there is space available. The US Census Bureau is recruiting for the following positions: Recruiting Assistant, Crew Leader, Assistant Crew Leader, Enumerator.



Verizon is having a Special Testing Event for Consultants in Allentown and Williamsport on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Interested applicants must pre-register to attend this event by visiting the website at: <https://www.22.verizon.com/about/careers/openings/HJBP00000002789295.html?sp=0>. Verizon Consultants handle requests from existing or new customers for installation, disconnection, or changes of telephone systems and services. These are temporary, full time positions with no benefits. The pay range is \$480.00 to \$1063.50 per week. Applicants must have excellent customer contact skills and must meet or exceed sales objectives through identification of customer needs and recommendation of telephone product and services. This is a sales-intensive position. Must be computer literate. Must be willing to work days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Overtime may be required.



Customer Information & Resource TEAM

At this time we want to welcome a new member to our team! Early this week **Kimberly Jones** took over the helm of **CareerLink Seminar & Workshop Coordinator**. Eager to keep up our pace of offering quality programs for our customers, **Kim** co-facilitated Intro to CareerLink Services and Interview Basics. Next week-Career Exploration! Don't forget to encourage any job seekers you are working with to sign up for the informational seminars, and keep in mind, staff are always welcome to sit in when ever there is a workshop in process.

As 2008 came to a close, we learned that **Experience Works Employment and Training Assistant, Barbara Sypieo** would not be resuming her post in the New Year. On behalf of the entire **CareerLink** staff we want to say **Thank You** for the assistance you have provided and send our very **Best Wishes** to you in all future endeavors!





JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Vigon International

—Production Specialist
-web 613361



Monroe County Control Center

—Emergency Call Dispatcher
-web 612662

Pennstar Bank, NA

—Teller Supervisor II
-web 614240
—Teller I
-web 614231

Riverside Rehabilitation Center II

—Physical Therapist Assistant
-web 612913
—Certified Occupational Therapist
-web 612909

Women’s Resources of Monroe County

—Manager of Residences and Operations
-web 613153

Hayward Laboratories

—Forklift Operator 2nd Shift
-web 613618

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when they have no model but
themselves to copy.**

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