



YOUTH TRAINING

Unemployed workers and youth seeking summer jobs will get a boost from approximately \$74 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA, Governor Edward G. Rendell said.

“As Pennsylvanians continue to feel the effects of the national economy, it is imperative that we expand job retraining opportunities for unemployed workers and young people,” Governor Rendell said. “Nearly 500,000 Pennsylvanians were unemployed and looking for work in March. They need the workforce development services that these funds will provide.”

The funds, which are awarded to local workforce investment areas, will provide job training and education services for unemployed workers and young people between 14 and 24 seeking summer employment.

Unemployed Pennsylvanians can access job retraining funds through their local **PA CareerLink** office where professional staff will determine eligibility and provide career assessment and coaching.

Federal guidance for ARRA job training funds also helps expand summer youth employment by providing wage support for at-risk youth.

“Far fewer summer employment opportunities exist for young people during economic downturns,” Governor Rendell said. “These funds will not only provide expanded summer employment opportunities for young Pennsylvanians who often contribute to their families’ budgets, but also provide valuable work experience, which leads to better scholastic outcomes and increased lifetime career earnings.” The formula for distribution of the funds is determined by the federal government and includes, among other factors, population, unemployment rate and number of families under the poverty rate.

The first installment of \$30 million is available to local workforce investment areas today. The remaining \$44 million in ARRA workforce funds will be distributed when ad-

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What’s going on Next Week.....

“Resumes & Cover Letters”

Presented by Kim J.

Monday, May 4th, 9:00-11:30 am

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.

Tuesday, May 5th, 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Kim J.

Tuesday, May 5th, 1:00-2:00 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Kim J.

Wednesday, May 6th 9:00-2:30 pm

“Employer Website Assistance”

Presented by Ken O.

Friday, May 8th 3:00-4:00 pm

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ditional spending authority is approved by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

We need to provide retraining to unemployed Pennsylvanians so that they can reenter the workforce and be prepared for higher skilled, higher wage jobs,” said Department of Labor & Industry acting Secretary Sandi Vito. “Strategic job training and education will help us recover from the current economic crisis, but also ensure that Pennsylvania comes through these trying times stronger and better prepared than ever to excel in the global economy.

On the local front, the **Career Guidance Team** and **Youth Employment Service** are gearing up and setting the stage for a **Monroe County Summer Youth Program** that will serve more than triple the number of youth that have been served the last 4 or 5 years. There will be special programs with East Stroudsburg School District, Monroe Career & Technical Institute, Pleasant Valley School District and Pocono Mountain School District, along with placing 100+ youth, 14-24 years of age, in work experience.

There is still time for Non Profit Agencies to get on board as a worksite for the Summer Youth Program. The youth placed at the work sites gain valuable work experience and a paycheck-the non profit agency acting as a worksite gets the chance to provide mentoring opportunities while a myriad of general projects and tasks that just never seem to be met, can be completed by summers end. It’s a “win-win” situation! For more information on how you can be a Summer Youth Program Work Site, call 570-620-2850.

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?



- **The Recession Busting Offer, Free Haircuts for Eligible Job Seekers, will again be provided by “A Cut Above Salon” this Sunday, May 3, 2009, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Located in Brodheads ville, all those interested must call 570-992-7676 for an appointment. For those who need an eligibility referral card, contact the **PA CareerLink Monroe County**.
- **The NW PA Optical Clinic will be at the PA CareerLink in Tannersville on Monday, May 4, 2009, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.** Eligible low to moderate income individuals of all ages can get glasses for as little as \$36.00. Advise those interested to get a prescription from an eye doctor and call 1-800-901-1912 for an appointment.
- **PPL Electric Utilities Dollar Energy Team will hold an Energy Saving Event on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 8:30 am-12:00 noon.** The event will feature Energy Efficiency and Community Outreach. All are encouraged to bring their latest PPL electric bill for the opportunity to have it analyzed to determine possible \$\$\$\$ savings! The PPL energy educator will also present a program to all those attending the **“Intro to CareerLink Services”** seminar at 10:00 am.
- **Pennsylvania Partners 25th Annual Employment, Training & Education Conference will be held May 6th-8th at Hershey Lodge in Hershey Pennsylvania.** The theme of this years conference “Leading Change Through Innovation” is also a time to celebrate the success of one of the nation's longest continuously running state workforce conferences and focus on innovating for the future.
- **The Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce EXPO 2009 will be held at East Stroudsburg University Wednesday and Thursday, May 6th and 7th.** The CareerLink will once again be situated at Booth #34. Stop by and say hi!



TEAMOLOGY

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

CareerLink



Business Services TEAM

On Wed. May 6th, the regional recruiter for MINIT MART, a new convenience store / gas station opening in Tobyhanna, will be here at the CareerLink from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. conducting open interviews for full-time and part-time cashier positions. This will be a 24/7 employer hiring for all shifts. Wages approx. 7.50/hr full-time and 7.15/hr part-time. Applications are available at the front desk for individuals who want to fill out the application ahead of time and bring it with them to the recruitment. The job order specifies that applicants must be present for interviews next Wednesday.



Customer Information & Resource TEAM



The Information Seminar “Job Changes and Your Retirement Assets” will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 10:00 am. Anyone with questions on how to pull retirement accounts together after job loss should attend. The Seminar is presented by Linda Worthington of Worthington Wealth Management. The topics covered include:

- Understanding Your Retirement Options
- Ways to invest your money after you change jobs
- Making the most of tax-advantaged accounts.



Career Closet



The Career Closet at the PA CareerLink Monroe County, recently got a “shot in the arm” for the new spring season when Ramsour Family Chiropractic held a career clothing drive. Coordinated by Antoinette Chiarello, the donated items were collected from the staff and patrons of Ramsour Family Chiropractic and are now available to any job seeker who may need an outfit to wear on an interview. If you know any customers who may be in need of taking a peak in the “closet”, please do not hesitate to encourage them to do so. We want to THANK all those who have made recent donations to the Career Closet .



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Griswold Special Care

—Caregiver
-web 632326

Advanced Door Technology

—Sales Representative
-web 631868
—Receptionist
-web 631867

NE PA Community Federal Credit Union

—Operations Department Assistant
-web 632313



Monadnock Nonwovens LLC

—Material Lapper
-web 631608

Carbon Monroe Pike MHMR

—Caseworker 2
-web 631718
—Caseworker 1
-web 631715

Marie Page Cleaning

—Floor Maintenance
-web 631509



Writing on the Wall....

**Success usually comes to
those who are too busy
to be looking for it.**

- Henry David Thoreau

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