

Allegany County Employment and Training One Stop Center

2015 Annual Report

During 2015, a total of 7,217 visits were made to the Center for career development and employment related services. Staff worked with individuals who benefitted directly from intensive and training services such as tuition assistance, wage subsidies, supportive services, counseling and job placement. Three hundred and ten people that utilized our services found employment.

Over 100 businesses, 26 new business contacts, benefitted from services that included application processing, testing for math and reading skill levels, on the job training/work experience subsidies, job postings, applicant screening, referrals, follow-up services and tax credit information. One On the Job Training contract was written which resulted in \$2,000 of direct savings to the employer for costs associated with new employee training. The Business Spotlight was offered to assist job seekers to become familiar with employers and their application and hiring process.

Funding from the Workforce Investment & Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Acts assisted 39 county residents in specific occupational skills training programs linked to demand occupations for a total cost of \$54,223. Adults and dislocated workers participated in training programs resulting in certifications leading to careers in health care, education, transportation, manufacturing, technology and human services with an average hourly wage of \$14.02.

Services to low income at risk youth included counseling, work experience, exposure to post secondary opportunities, occupational skills training and supportive services. Sixty one youth participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program in 15 towns and 34 locations within the County. A total of \$154,232 was spent on youth programs. One youth was assisted with tuition and support services to earn her NYS Certification as a Nurse Aide find employment in a nursing home making an hourly wage of \$14.00. We continue to partner with Allegany County Youth Bureau, Department of Social Services, Literacy West and Southern Tier Traveling Teacher to serve this population.

We provide intensive service to public assistance applicants and recipients. There were 7,813 services/activities provided to SNAP and Public Assistance recipients. 831 applicants were assessed for employability and 289 were assigned to participate in employment assessment class, individualized job search, resume development and job retention skills. 86 applicants completed this class and 52 found employment. One person participated in the Transitional Employment Advancement Program and obtained full time employment as a direct result of this program.

The Center continues to partner with ACCES-VR, Adult Educational Opportunity Center, BOCES, Department of Social Services, NYSDOL and Pro Action. We are actively involved with the Cattaraugus Allegany Workforce Development Board, The Greater Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Council, NYS DOL Regional Business Services Team, Alfred State College, BOCES and Jamestown Community College Career Fairs.

I would like to acknowledge and commend the Employment & Training Center Team for their dedication to our customers and the Board of Legislators for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

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