

## Allegany County Employment and Training One Stop Center

### 2014 Annual Report

During 2014, a total of 8,050 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, 35 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. Eight On the Job Training contracts were written which resulted in \$10,783 of direct savings to the employers for costs associated with new employee training and upgrading skills of current employees. The Business Spotlight was offered six times to assist job seekers to become familiar with employers and their application and hiring process.

Funding from the Workforce Investment Act assisted 35 county residents in specific occupational skills training programs linked to demand occupations for a total cost of \$38,611. 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 \$14.06.

Services to low income at risk youth included counseling, work experience, exposure to post secondary opportunities, occupational skills training and supportive services. Sixty five youth participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program in 12 towns and 27 locations within the County. A total of \$155,167 was spent on youth programs. One youth was assisted with tuition and support services to earn his AOS in heavy equipment operation and a CDL-B and find employment. 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 9,240 services/activities provided to SNAP and Public Assistance recipients. 902 applicants were assessed for employability and 790 were assigned to participate in employment assessment class, individualized job search, resume development and job retention skills. 113 applicants completed this class and 43 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 Investment Board, The Greater Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and 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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