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NEW MARTINSVILLE AMERICAN JOB CENTER JOB FAIR

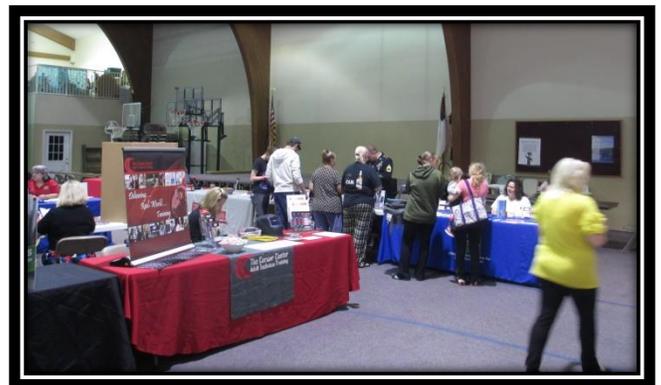
The New Martinsville American Job Center in conjunction with the New Martinsville Chamber of Commerce and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources held a Job Fair at the New Martinsville Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



This event was **FREE** to the public, as well as employers, and offered businesses the chance to meet, interview

and hire qualified individuals to fill full and part-time positions.

Job seekers were encouraged to attend with multiple resumes and ready to meet prospective employers.



“It is our priority to connect employers and job seekers in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia to create more opportunity for our residents and businesses to thrive,” said Rebecca Rasperry, American Job Center Manager. She went on to say “Our job fairs are effective in helping local businesses find local qualified candidates, and it’s a great opportunity for employers to enjoy a one-stop-shop for their hiring needs.”

WORKFORCE WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS EVENT



On Wednesday, March 28, 2018 the WorkForce West Virginia DVOP (Disabled Veteran Outreach Program) Specialist, Joe Douglas, Sr., in coordination with the Wheeling American Job Center, held an Event for Veterans and their families.

The goal of this Event was to increase awareness of the services and resources that are here for our Veterans. There was plenty of knowledgeable staff present who know the value and challenges of military experience in the civilian workforce.



The following is a list of the agencies who attended/participated in the Event: WorkForce West Virginia; Wheeling American Job Center; Department of Veterans Assistance; Wheeling Vet Center; Helping Heroes; West Virginia



The following is a list of those employers who participated/attended the Job Fair: Mustang Oilfield Services; Murray Trucking; Westbank Harbor Services; Wetzel County Adult Education; Eastern Gateway Community College; West Virginia Northern Community College; Burger King; Northern Regional Jail and Correctional Center; Wheeling Vet Center; WesBanco Bank Inc.; National Council on Aging; MarkWest Energy; O.V. Truck Driving Training; St. Marys Correctional Center; Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, All State Career; Litman Enterprises, LLC; United Talent Staffing; Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce; WorkForce West Virginia; West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services; Wetzel County Hospital; Western Construction; Cabelas; Cam Safety; REM; Seep Well Energy Services, LLC.; United States Army; Washington County Career Center; Youth Services System, Inc.; Winans-Scioto Services; J.C. Mensore Distribution; Lehigh Hanson; Laborers Union 1149; Equipment Transport; Keystone Clearwater; and, LPS.

***"Pessimism leads to weakness,
optimism to power."
William James***

Division of Rehabilitation Services; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Pittsburgh Regional Benefit Office; and, Change, Inc.

RAPID RESPONSE

Pam Hedrick, Region Five's Rapid Response Coordinator, organizes Rapid Response Meetings in our Region and offers services on a smaller scale. Rapid Response services that are offered in our Region include the following: How to Survive a Layoff Informational Meeting; Labor Market and Career Counseling; Resume and Cover Letter Development; Explanation of Unemployment Insurance Benefits; Short and Long-Term Occupational Skills Training; Health Insurance Information; Basic Skills Training; Individual Career Counseling; and, Interviewing Skills.



Joe Douglas, Sr. is responsible for providing intensive services to qualified veterans at the WorkForce West Virginia center or itinerant site. He uses a myriad of avenues to reach local Veterans and their families. Joe coordinates his efforts with many Federal, State and Local Agencies throughout the year to determine available resources for his clients. All employment and job training programs funded in whole or part by the U.S. Department of Labor are entitled to give precedence to Veterans and their eligible spouses. For additional information, please feel free to contact Joe Douglas, Sr. at 304-238-1045.

When layoffs are unavoidable, The Rapid Response Coordinator in Region Five provides vital help to both the affected workers and their communities. Rapid Response is helpful through all phases of the business cycle and coordinate transition assistance to impacted employees by helping them transition to reemployment as quickly as possible. Company closings and layoffs pose great hardships on employees and employers. Relieving the effects of dislocation through Rapid Response is a positive and responsible way to help lighten the hardships of those affected.

Ideally, Rapid Response activities are provided on-site and if not possible, then off-site, but as nearby as possible. Providing Rapid Response to your workers will help to assure: Higher productivity and worker morale and lower absenteeism during a layoff event due to reduced stress; Lower unemployment insurance costs as workers are re-employed more quickly when services are started prior to the actual layoff; Decreases likelihood of sabotage or work disruptions; and, Better public relations for the employer

"In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated, and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot."

Mark Twain

as the employer will be highlighted in the media that it is providing these services to its workers.

Businesses who are planning to lay off employees, close or reorganize should contact Pam Hedrick at the Wheeling American Job Center by calling 304-280-6280 or email npwibinc@gmail.com. Rapid Response services are provided **FREE** of charge to the employer and employees.



YOUTH SERVICES SYSTEM, INC. QUARTERLY YOUTH WORKSHOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CUSTOMER</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>ACTUAL and/or PROJECTED EMPLOYEES ATTENDING MEETING</u>
2/15/2018	CSRA	Informational	90

Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS, Inc.) has been contracted by the Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board, Inc. (NPWDB, Inc.) for the past 10 years to provide services to at-risk Youth in the following counties: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler, and the cities of Weirton and Wheeling.

The **Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU!)** Program is funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 and serves economically disadvantaged youth ages 14-24. In general, the **Youth Opportunities Unlimited!** Program is a 12 month program which begins on July 1st and runs through June 30th of the following year. It is designed to offer the neediest youth with opportunities to successfully transition to adult roles and responsibilities. An emphasis has been placed on teaching life skills, academic and financial skills, as well as employability skills to youth who might not otherwise have an opportunity to succeed academically or vocationally. One of the ways YSS, Inc. does this is by offering Quarterly Youth Workshops throughout the program year.

"Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. They stay focused on their past successes rather than their past failures, and on the next action steps they need to take to get them closer to the fulfillment of their goals rather than all the other distractions that life presents to them."
Jack Canfield

On Friday, April 20, 2018, YSS, Inc. held their Quarterly Workshop at their office located at 87 15th Street in Wheeling, WV. YSS, Inc. invited guest speaker, Martha Polinski, Senior Prevention Coordinator of Community Impact Coalition (formerly the Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition). Martha presented information about the unknown dangers of Marijuana abuse by teens and young adults. She discussed the following: Marijuana is the most frequently used illicit drug in the United States; Marijuana is in fact addicting; Marijuana has adverse side effects upon the adolescent brain; Marijuana is a risk for both cardio-respiratory disease; and, Marijuana is associated with both psychiatric illness and negative social outcomes. The purpose of this training was to show how using fact-based information can help us make good decisions, and to reflect the impairments caused by Marijuana use. Making youth aware of the things that could happen is an important awareness effort that YSS, Inc. Staff take very seriously.



Youth also participated in a "Litter Pickup" in East Wheeling after the presentation from Martha Polinski. YSS, Inc. Staff, along with youth participants, filled several garbage bags with the litter they collected. This was a great opportunity for them to get outside, connect with nature, and working in a group enabled them to socialize while improving the community.



"The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of the young people."
Kailash Satyarthi

YOUTH SUCCESS STORIES



Josh Carney, who is now 24 years old, enrolled in the Year Round Youth Program with YSS, Inc. in December 2013. Josh was approved for the Individual Training Account (ITA) Program, which was paid through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, and was able to earn his Class A CDL in 2015. Following his CDL Training, he also took a one (1) day Gas and Oil Training, which helped him enter into the Gas and Oil workforce. He is currently employed with Sting Ray and enjoys his job, is making excellent money for his family, and is in the process of buying their first home.

Craig (CJ) Vega, who is 22 years old, enrolled in the Year Round Youth Program with YSS, Inc. in May 2014. He is currently attending West Liberty University for Criminal Justice and has straight A's. Craig is also employed by the Federal Building in Moundsville, WV and plans on taking a position with the Marshall County Probation Office working on Drug Court and Probation once he graduates in December 2018. He feels compelled to work in Law Enforcement because his father was shot by someone when he was younger, and as a result is paralyzed and requires full time care. On top of going to school and working full-time, Craig also takes an active role in the care of his father.

Congratulations to Josh and Craig on all of their hard work and dedication. We wish you the best of luck for your future. Be confident enough to take any challenge and be bold enough to meet your desired goal. It is true, the path of success is never easy, but only you can make it smoother with your dedication.

AMERICAN JOB CENTER TRAFFIC REPORT PROGRAM

YTD

(WIOA Program Year 7/01/2017 through 6/30/2018)

WHEELING

New Customers:	319
Repeat Customers:	11,744
Total:	12,063

WEIRTON

New Customers:	206
Repeat Customers:	9,097
Total:	9,303

NEW MARTINSVILLE

New Customers:	116
Repeat Customers:	2,417
Total:	2,533

GRAND TOTALS

New Customers:	641
Repeat Customers:	23,258
Total:	23,899

"Stay true to yourself, yet always be open to learn. Work hard, and never give up on your dreams, even when nobody else believes they can come true but you. These are not clichés but real tools you need no matter what you do in life to stay focused on your path."

Phillip Sweet



Regional American Job Centers will be offering **FREE** Basic Computer Classes at their Wheeling, Weirton and New Martinsville locations. Classes are designed for those who are completely new to computers or who feel they need to have more instruction. Along with learning about basic keyboarding, internet navigation, Microsoft Office, etc., classes will also incorporate resume writing, interviewing skills, customer service skills, and much more! Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) 6's Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instructors and One Stop Operator Staff will conduct these Classes.

To find out when the **FREE** Basic Computer Classes will be offered at the regional American Job Centers please contact the following: Wheeling - Michelle Miller at 304-232-6280; Weirton- Debora Sciarrino at 304-723-5337; and, New Martinsville- Darlena French at 304-455-6184.

NEWSLETTER **SUBMISSIONS**

All Partners, approved Training Providers, Staff and Clients of regional American Job Centers can submit articles, ideas, etc. for this Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, idea, etc. such as a success story, please contact Christine Smith at the NPWDB, Inc. by email at npwibinc@gmail.com or by phone at 304-231-1170.



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wish you a Happy and
Safe Summer!**

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