



Minutes from One Stop Partners Meeting March 7, 2024

**Attendees: B. Rice, D. Jablonski, B. Bremer, F. Hepburn, D. Martinez
JBM Facilitating**

1. OSSO report

JBM reviewed Stats for this quarter

WIOA Youth

- 61 enrolled at the end of Q2
- 54 Carry in from PY23 Q1 and past
- 7 newly enrolled

CRT (Classroom Training)

- 119 enrolled at end of Q2
- 87 Carry in from PY23 and past
- 32 Newly enrolled
- 11 training providers, 19 courses
- 47 have completed training successfully, 61 are in progress

As usual, providers were included on Partner Report, details within. Of note there are a variety of different classes as the report outlines. Cahill Resources has a hybrid structure for optimal learning to include online, in person and hands on.

OJT (On the Job Training)

- 17 enrolled at the end of Q2
- 10 carry in
- 7 newly enrolled in Q2
- 11 Companies, 14 Job Titles
- 10 have completed training successfully, 3 are in progress

Q2 company list also provided in detail; JBM noted new company involved Swogier Construction.

Overall stats are very good!

2. NYSGVP is to end March 31, 2024. Ended up exceeding goals and obtaining additional funding as a result.

3. DEI Initiatives – Dennis; WDB Inclusion Committee is the group that is tasked with dealing with issues concerning people with barriers to employment including those with disabilities. The goal is to try to get businesses to understand the potential with working with these individuals. The group is





sending information to the business community through many ways including training, panel discussions for businesses in Niagara County. This coming spring is a panel discussion regarding reasonable accommodation. May or June.

October 23, 2024 this year, there will be a career exploration fair for high school students with disabilities. SUNY Niagara (NCCC) will be hosting this event on campus. Bringing in a lot of occupations that lend themselves easily to hands on activities. Seeking to engage students about learning about different occupations.

Director of Niagara Pride doing a series virtual and in person related to transgender and LGBTQ issues encountered.

Anyone who wants to join this group reach out to Bonnie or Dennis.

4. "Dream it Do it" Initiative - Don - reaching into high schools and middle schools to talk about advanced manufacturing in the trades; first one is to talk to high school seniors not attending college and showing a propensity for STEM programs, etc. They are actively soliciting businesses in Niagara County and the response is tremendous. Looking to raise \$700,000, and they are half way there. This is a great population to tap into and get them at the beginning of their work career. This will also help close the gap in finding viable candidates to work!
5. Niagara Production Grant -opportunity for manufacturing employers to obtain a grant for machinery with applications available at niagaracountybusiness.com. Specifically, this is a \$50,000 grant for any business that wants to buy new machinery/production equipment.
6. Online opportunity for manufacturing employers to interact with potential young candidates (Bonnie) TALLO is part of "Dream It Do It" which allows students to communicate directly with employers. Goal of connecting them to opportunities to job shadow, mentor, learn more about the company.
7. Don also noted that there is a Job Fair March 13, 2024 at Kenan Center noon to 3 pm, 60 businesses attending. Please encourage job seekers to attend.
8. Input from partners
Ben - starting summer lunch preparation. Ben will be sharing with other units at DSS to be sure they know of the programs for employment opportunities to share with their clients as appropriate.





Bonnie noted that there is a program through TANF YEP grant money to hire youth year round, similar to TANF SYEP. This program started January 1; contact Dawn Cody (716) 278-8182 for more details.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 9:30, google meet. Previously scheduled. Reminders will be sent.

