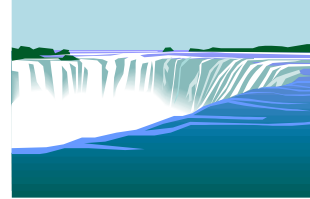


# Niagara County Workforce Development Group WEBEX Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL  
Notes/Minutes



Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Bonnie R., Kate M., Joe B., Mike K.
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
Mike K. Niagara County Employment & Training	<p><b>Active OJTs: 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 at Swogier Construction</li> <li>1 at Health System Services</li> <li>1 at An-Cor Industrial Plastics</li> <li>1 at Matrix Imaging Solutions</li> <li>1 at Shipman Printing</li> <li>2 at National Corrugate</li> <li>3 at Shannon Global</li> </ul> <p><b>In the works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 at Platter's Chocolate</li> <li>1 at Broda Machine</li> </ul> <p>Exploring OJTs with American Glass, and Gray's Furnace.</p>
Bonnie R. Niagara County WDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don and I held an on-site meeting at IBEW Local 237 Training Facility with IBEW and CNC Technical Solutions, which is looking to expand into Niagara County. Info at <a href="http://www.cncts.com">www.cncts.com</a>.</li> <li>• Attended WNY REDC meeting at Niagara Falls Aquarium. State grants are available for businesses and organizations.</li> <li>• Conducted PY23 Q4 local monitoring of WIOA programs.</li> <li>• Don and I met with Jeremy Betsch of Per Scholas, who is seeking classroom training space in Niagara County.</li> <li>• Don and I met with Todd Tranum to review DIDI WNY budget. Allison Sharpe has been hired as Niagara County Director for DIDI WNY.</li> <li>• Attended in-person Iroquois Job Corps 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event which included tours and a chance to meet and talk with youth in the various programs.</li> <li>• Don and I Zoom-met with FLPPS <a href="https://flpps.org/">https://flpps.org/</a> which received \$118M for 3 years, serving 18 counties, via an 1115 Medicaid Waiver. We discussed training gaps in Niagara and</li> </ul>

	<p>plan to meet in person later in November to continue our discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held Workforce Development Board meeting on 9/17.</li> <li>• Attended NYATEP webinar on NYS OSWD workforce funding opportunities for capital improvement and pay-for-performance grants being evaluated on a rolling basis</li> </ul>
Joe B.-NYSDOL	<p>NF Job fair at Public Library has about 30 employers and light job seeker attendance. Upcoming job fairs include virtual events every month with this month occurring on 9.25. In addition there is a job fair in Lockport on 9.30 and an outdoor event at Oppenheim Park on 10.16.</p>
Kate M.- SUNY Niagara.	<p>Looking for employers who have jobs for students. Have encountered scam jobs, that is opportunities that appear to be employment but are marketing gimmicks.</p> <p>A Transfer Fair is coming in October for students considering furthering their ed at a 4 year school.</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NDEAM Business Recognition Awards Luncheon-</b> October 10 at the Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio Street in Buffalo. One of the 11 nominations this year is Wilson Tuscarora State Park nominated by Niagara County Employment &amp; Training! If you would like to attend see attached invite.</li> <li>• <b>Student Career Exploration Fair- October 23. Has been postponed until Spring of 2025</b></li> <li>• <b>Fall Diversity Career Fair- October 24, 10.30 to 12.30. 30+ employers expected.</b> Central branch of the Buffalo &amp; Erie County Public Library. Partnering with NYSDOL. Featuring a pre event panel discussion for employers on cultural competency and diversity in the workforce. See flyer attached.</li> <li>• <b>DEI – W, W, &amp; H- <i>Virtual Presentation Service Animals in the Workplace: What they are and what they aren't under the ADA.</i></b> Presented by Northeast ADA Center at Cornell. <b>November 6, 8.30 to 10 a.m. via ZOOM.</b> This topic was generated from questions/discussion at the May DEI presentation. It is free and open to the Niagara County Business community and other interested organizations. See attached Flyer</li> </ul>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on <b>October 9 via WEBEX</b>