



Minutes: One Stop Partner meeting – Quarter 3 2025 June 5, 2025

Attendees: Bonnie, Dennis, Brian,

1. OSSO report

JBM reviewed Stats for this quarter

WIOA Youth

- Numbers are intentionally lower due to reduction in counselors. There is intensive work tied to managing caseloads

CRT (Classroom Training)

- On par to last year; have successfully spent all training money;

OJT (On the Job Training)

- There are 12 new on the job trainings in three months at ten different companies. This is a substantial accomplishment. Kudos to Niagara County Employment and Training. Clearly, they are doing a great job!

Overall: All monies have been spent to help as many as possible. Overall stats are very good!

2. **Niagara BOCES is having a summer HVAC class due to demand of this trade.** If you know anyone interested you have them reach out to them.
3. **ACTION REQUIRED: Partner Referral Guide needs to be reviewed for updates.** Please get your changes to me by June 20, 2025. The full guide was an attachment to my last email with the agenda for this meeting. This is once again attached to this email!
4. **Bonnie's updates** – She is responsible for the Local plan with what's happening with youth and local workforce issues; Public comments can be made if interested and that was shared in a previous email to this group; go to www.niagarawdb.com

Job Corp has been closed nationwide. All in the country have been shut down and as a result, all staff will lose their jobs. If inclined, please consider sending letters of support for this program; The youth have all been displaced as well. *

***If you can help the youth being displaced in their programs, please reach out.**

Don's updates: Career Fair in Oppenheim Park, very successful; 357 job seekers came through as an estimate but it was likely closer to 450; employers have multiple candidates to consider; most successful of all career fairs;





About budgets:

- Job Corp likely to be permanently closed;
- WIOA budget cut by 11% across the board; The team has been able to find other budgets for carry in money so they are able to retain staff without a problem. Funding for programs for Youth are fully funded by the state. WIOA budget is a second cut go around and this effects adult and dislocated workers; Operating on first come first serve basis due to limitations of numbers they can be served;
- Working on alternative grant resources;
- Lobbying state to make them whole to come up with necessary funding;

5. Innovative Employment Committee update – Dennis

- Planning a Youth career exploration fair that focuses on youth with disabilities at ON-BOCES; This will provide hands on demonstrations of different careers and occupational areas to determine their possibilities. Skilled trades, auto mechanics etc.
- **Event: October 15, at the BOCES Conference Center on Saunders Settlement Road;**
- If interested in showcasing your business let Dennis know.

Welcome Solomon Joseph – Manager of Economic Empowerment at Native American Community Services; Solomon replaced Tiana Porter.

Solomon is looking forward to getting involved and collaborating and building partnerships. Solomon can be reached at sjosph@nacswny.org or call 716-574-9731

Ben Bunker – hosted Dawn Cody from Employment and Training, who talked about how to get people and businesses on board which was a productive meeting;

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

