



**Atlantic County
Workforce Development Board**

Annual Report

JULY 1, 2023–JUNE 30, 2024





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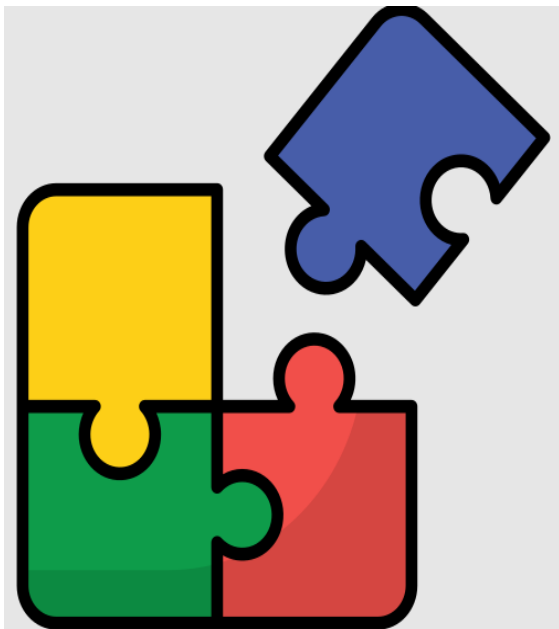
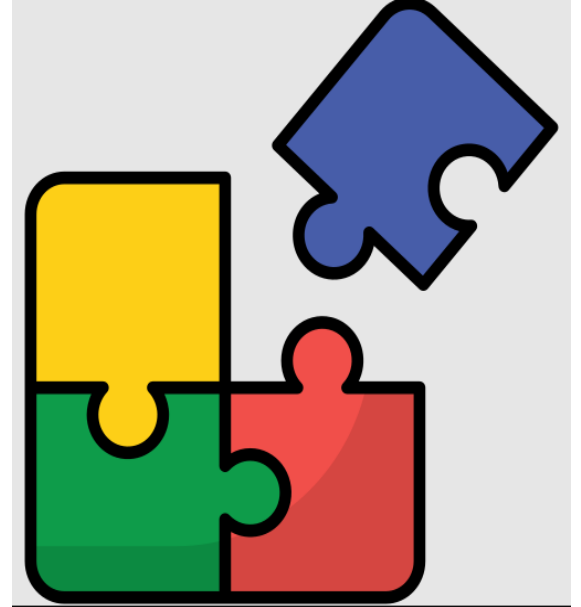
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Hello,

The year of 2023-24 has been a year of transition and transformation. With the introduction of the New Jersey Department of Labor's governance policy and the requirements under WIOA to procure the One Stop Operator and associated Career Services, the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board was compelled to transform its organizational and contracting structure to meet those requirements. In January of 2023, private sector board members gathered to begin the process of developing a competitive RFP for the One Stop Operator and Career Services. I want to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to those board members who volunteered to be part of this eighteen-month long process. I also want to thank the Atlantic County Economic Alliance for providing access to their grant writers, Dr. Pat Gentile and Michael Rennick, without whom we would not have been able to create the document we did. As a result, as of April 1, 2024, we welcomed Grant Associates as the new contractor for One Stop Operations and Career Services for WIOA-funded Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth training activities.

Transitioning services from county-managed to private-contracting always takes some time, but the energy and commitment exhibited by the awardee made this change much easier than anticipated. Good lines of communication and the willingness to work as part of a workforce development team made the learning curve much shorter and customer access to services much more consistent. Although there have been some bumps along the way, the growth of the program and improvement in service delivery has been notable. Grant Associates has been a collaborative partner in identifying and addressing customer training needs. Most recently, working together with the state workforce services and the workforce development board to place HVAC training programs on the demand occupation list for all of South Jersey. Working together as a team, we were able to provide another training resource for One Stop customers.

With the inclusion of the new One Stop Operator and Career Services provider, the workforce development team has transformed into a more vigorous program that is public-facing and has gained recognition and public awareness as a result of increased exposure and multiple avenues of communication and outreach.

Many of the stated objectives for 2024 are planned or have been achieved. Those objectives include:

- Procured a One Stop Operator and Career Services;
- Continue to build and strengthen our relationships with our education partners;
- Continue to strengthen our relationships with our state and community partners;

- Provide training services to 400 WIOA eligible customers, either through occupational training contracts or work-based learning;
- Obtained workforce development certification from the State Employment and Training Commission for 2024 to 2026.
- Develop a marketing and outreach strategy to inform the public of services provided as a result of the WIOA federal award.

As many can see, we have chosen several lofty goals and several that are readily accessible. Objectives that we have achieved include the following:

- We have successfully procured a One Stop Operator and Career Services.
- We will continue to build relationships with county school districts to expand work-based learning.
- The Atlantic County Workforce Development Board has successfully achieved its workforce development board certification.
- We will begin our marketing and outreach plan in January of 2025.

We continue to pursue the objectives involving the education partnership and community partnerships.

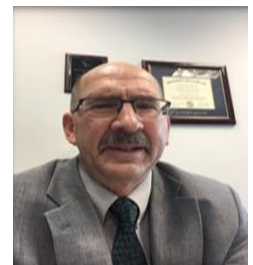
I want to thank the County Executive Dennis Levinson, County Administrator Gerald DelRosso and County Chief of Staff Linda Gilmore, for their support and guidance. I also would like to thank all of the members of the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board and its subcommittees, the staff of the One Stop Career Center, our state and community partners for their willingness to engage and transform our services. I also would like to extend a special thank you to Cynthia Torres, the new assistant director, Sherrise Moten, agency contract administrator and the engine that keeps everything running smoothly. We look forward to this coming year, the challenges we will face and the accomplishments we will achieve for the members of all of our Atlantic County communities.

Thank you all,

Francis F. Kuhn

Executive Director

Atlantic County Workforce Development Board



Dear Community Stakeholders,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the year for the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB), I wanted to take a moment to share some of the key achievements and ongoing initiatives that have defined 2024 for our organization. This has been a year of significant progress and transformation for the workforce development landscape in Atlantic County, as we continue to navigate both challenges and opportunities in our mission to empower individuals and strengthen our local economy.

In 2024, the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board (WDB) successfully completed a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the operation of its One Stop Career Center, a central hub that serves job seekers and employers in the region. After careful evaluation, Grant Associates, a recognized leader in workforce development, was selected as the One Stop Operator and Career Services.

This partnership marks a new chapter in Atlantic County's commitment to enhancing workforce development and expanding economic opportunities for local residents. The One Stop Career Center is crucial in providing a range of services designed to help job seekers find meaningful employment, receive training and support, and ultimately, become self-sufficient contributors to the local economy. These services include job placement assistance, career counseling, job training, and employer engagement. Both the Atlantic County WDB and Grant Associates Inc. are committed to ensuring that the One Stop Career Center remains a vital resource for job seekers and employers alike.

There has been a focus on expanding job training and skill development programs to meet the evolving needs of the local labor market. This includes new certifications in high-demand fields such as technology, healthcare, and skilled trades.

Collaboration with employers in our region has been a cornerstone of our success. We continue to work closely with local businesses to identify workforce gaps, and through our On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Customized Training Programs, we have tailored solutions that meet the specific needs of industries across Atlantic County. Our focus has been on creating sustainable partnerships that benefit both employers and job seekers.

The ACWDB's mission is clear: to build a robust workforce that is prepared to meet the demands of employers while providing our residents with the skills and resources they need to succeed in the modern economy. Over the past year, we have worked diligently to implement initiatives that enhance job opportunities, support career development, and align the skills of our labor force with the needs of our business community.

In 2024, we continued to support employers through programs such as On-the-Job Training (OJT) and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), which incentivized employers to hire from our local talent pool and reduce recruitment costs. Partnerships with local educational institutions, vocational schools, and industry experts have enabled us to offer a diverse array of certification programs.

In partnership with local schools and community organizations, we have placed a strong emphasis on preparing our youth for the workforce. Initiatives have been introduced to support youth and young adults in entering the workforce. This includes internships, summer jobs, and mentorship programs designed to help younger individuals gain valuable work experience. In 2024, the Summer Youth Program placed more

than 300 young adults in meaningful work experiences, equipping them with the skills and work ethic that will serve them well throughout their careers.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our outstanding staff, board members, and community partners. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to:

- Our One-Stop Career Center partners, who provide a critical touchpoint for job seekers and employers alike.
- Local employers, who have embraced training and apprenticeship programs, creating opportunities for our workforce.
- The ACWDB members for their continued guidance, expertise, and commitment to our mission.
- The ACWDB Subcommittee chairs and the members for their leadership.
- Our One-Stop Career Center partners, who provide a critical touchpoint for job seekers and employers alike.
- Local employers, who have embraced training and apprenticeship programs, creating opportunities for our workforce.

Your hard work, expertise, and commitment to the people of Atlantic County have made a lasting impact.

As we look to the future, the ACWDB remains committed to helping individuals find meaningful employment and ensuring that our local businesses have access to a skilled, prepared workforce. I am excited for the year ahead and the continued impact we will have on the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Jim Drew

Chairperson

Atlantic County Workforce Development Board



Dear Atlantic County Community,

Grant Associates is excited to serve as the One Stop Operator for the Atlantic County One Stop Career Center. This year has marked significant progress in our efforts to support and grow the workforce in Atlantic County. Our local economy has been gradually improving, with the job market showing encouraging signs of progress.

We offer occupational training programs to help jobseekers gain the skills needed for in-demand industries to fill open and available jobs. Additionally, the Atlantic County One Stop provides a variety of services, including career counseling, resume writing, interview prep, job search assistance, on-the-job training, and unemployment benefits, with special support for youth to ensure their educational and employment success.

Our commitment extends to local businesses as well. We offer recruitment services, job matching, and employee training. Employers can benefit from various incentives, including salary subsidies, tax credits, and On-the-Job Training (OJT), to help manage the costs associated with hiring and retaining workers. Our aim is to equip our residents and businesses with the resources they need to thrive in a competitive labor market. We are strengthening our relationships with non-profit, public and private sector agencies to meet the evolving needs of our workforce and economy.

Looking ahead toward the upcoming year, we anticipate continued job growth across the county. According to recent projections, the number of jobs in Atlantic County is expected to increase by over 7,700 by 2027, with healthcare and social assistance, construction, and professional services leading the way. By providing quality training programs, fostering partnerships, and creating more opportunities for residents, including the youth, we are positioning Atlantic County for a prosperous future.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of our One Stop Career Center team, Department of Labor, Learning Link, Youth Corp, Workfirst New Jersey to Work programs, Department of Human Services, our committee members, and our partners in the community. Your time, expertise, and commitment have been instrumental in advancing our shared goals.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another year of growth and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Grullo 'n
One Stop Operator
Grant Associates LLC



**ATLANTIC COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SCHEDULE OF YEAR END STATE FINANCIAL REPORT
PROGRAM YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024)
MONTH ENDING: JUNE 30, 2024**

WIOA GRANTS	Adult	Dislocated Worker	Youth	Total WIOA
Administration				
Personnel - Salary & Benefits	\$ 17,958	\$ 1,148	\$ 27,712	\$ 46,818
Operating Costs	\$ 507	\$ 10	\$ 3,518	\$ 4,035
<i>Total Admin Expended</i>	<i>\$ 18,465</i>	<i>\$ 1,158</i>	<i>\$ 31,230</i>	<i>\$ 50,853</i>
Program				
Personnel - Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,939	\$ 5,050	\$ 232,928	\$ 286,917
Operating Costs	\$ 6,913	\$ 859	\$ 37,399	\$ 45,171
Training Contracts	\$ 235,286	\$ 153,240	\$ -	\$ 388,526
Work-Based Training	\$ 6,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,532
Supported Services	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
Contracted Services	\$ 21,023	\$ -	\$ 414,782	\$ 435,805
Work Experience	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,697	\$ 208,697
<i>Total Program Expended</i>	<i>\$ 318,993</i>	<i>\$ 159,149</i>	<i>\$ 893,806</i>	<i>\$ 1,371,948</i>
WIOA TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 337,458	\$ 160,307	\$ 925,036	\$ 1,422,801
Program Year 2023 Award	\$ 1,357,977	\$ 782,631	\$ 1,465,479	\$ 3,606,087
% Expended against Award	24.85%	20.48%	63.12%	39.46%
AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$ 1,020,519	\$ 622,324	\$ 540,443	\$ 2,183,286

WFNJ GRANTS	TANF	GA & SNAP	SNAP	Total WFNJ
Administration				
Personnel - Salary & Benefits	\$ 84,742	\$ 129,164		\$ 213,906
Operating Costs	\$ 8,720	\$ 5,700		\$ 14,420
<i>Total Admin Expended</i>	<i>\$ 93,462</i>	<i>\$ 134,864</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 228,326</i>
Program				
Subsidized Employment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Education & Training	\$ 1,053,741	\$ 343,950		\$ 1,397,691
Other Work Activities	\$ 319,153	\$ 429,562		\$ 748,715
CAVP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management	\$ 125,272	\$ 128,887	\$ -	\$ 254,159
Work Verification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
On-The-Job Training	\$ -	\$ 25,395	\$ -	\$ 25,395
Needs Based Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Total Program Expended</i>	<i>\$ 1,498,166</i>	<i>\$ 927,794</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 2,400,565</i>
WFNJ TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 1,591,628	\$ 1,062,658	\$ -	\$ 2,628,891
Program Year 2023 Award	\$ 1,718,782	\$ 1,174,137	\$ -	\$ 2,892,919
% Expended against Award	92.60%	90.51%	0.00%	90.87%
AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$ 127,154	\$ 111,479	\$ -	\$ 264,028

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS	Budget/Award	Expended	Balance	% Expended
Workforce Learning Link	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	100.00%
WIOA Data Reporting/Analysis	\$ 12,971	\$ 12,971	\$ -	100.00%
New Jersey Youth Corps	\$ 434,130	\$ 388,290	\$ 45,840	89.44%
Summer Youth Emplpy Program	\$ 682,000	\$ 549,807	\$ 132,193	0.00%
Atlantic City Electric	\$ 1,470,000	\$ 739,168	\$ 730,832	50.28%
Total Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 2,674,101	\$ 1,765,236	\$ 908,865	66.01%

ATLANTIC COUNTY PROGRAM YEAR 2023 TOTAL				
	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Expend
WIOA Grants	\$ 3,606,087	\$ 1,422,801	\$ 2,183,286	39.46%
WFNJ Grants	\$ 2,892,919	\$ 2,628,891	\$ 264,028	90.87%
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 2,674,101	\$ 1,765,236	\$ 908,865	66.01%
Grand Total PY 2023	\$ 9,173,107	\$ 5,816,928	\$ 3,356,179	63.41%



Performance Summary cards

	Employment Q2	Median Earnings	Employment Q4	Credential	Measurable Skill Gains
Adult	115.49% Actual: 71.50% (38 / 51) Goal: 62.00%	142.95% Actual: \$9,291.64 Goal: \$6,500.00	118.88% Actual: 73.47% (72 / 98) Goal: 61.80%	104.91% Actual: 79.73% (59 / 74) Goal: 76.00%	138.32% Actual: 72.34% (68 / 94) Goal: 52.30%
Dislocated Workers	108.17% Actual: 67.50% (27 / 40) Goal: 62.40%	124.77% Actual: \$10,003.09 Goal: \$8,017.00	130.07% Actual: 85.71% (24 / 28) Goal: 65.90%	126.81% Actual: 91.30% (21 / 23) Goal: 72.00%	162.14% Actual: 87.72% (50 / 57) Goal: 54.10%
Youth	99.51% Actual: 72.04% (134 / 186) Goal: 72.40%	153.18% Actual: \$3,676.35 Goal: \$2,400.00	108.00% Actual: 74.74% (142 / 190) Goal: 69.20%	141.02% Actual: 66.84% (125 / 187) Goal: 47.40%	105.20% Actual: 71.54% (93 / 130) Goal: 68.00%
Wagner-Peyser	118.63% Actual: 58.01% (2676 / 4613) Goal: 48.90%	130.43% Actual: \$7,500.00 Goal: \$5,750.00	125.38% Actual: 60.68% (2382 / 4235) Goal: 48.40%		
All	57.54% (2708 / 4703)	\$7,440.51	61.45% (2662 / 4332)	67.61% (215 / 318)	75.18% (209 / 278)

Legend (1% - 80%) (90% - 100%) (>= 100%) (missing)

Free Grants Available

Free job training grants up to **\$5,000** for in-demand occupations and **\$8,000** for Licensed Practical Nursing programs are available based on eligibility for residents of New Jersey . For additional information call (609) 485-0052 for an appointment.

Some popular Job Training choices include:

Certified Nurse's Aide(CNA)	CDL Driver A or B	Cosmetology	Microsoft Office Specialist
Medical Assistant	Computer Technician	Manicure/Nail Tech	Phlebotomist
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Graphic / Web Design	EMT	Massage Therapist

How will you do in your next job? What types of jobs are in demand?

An Employment Specialist will assist you through the training process as you take the next steps on your career path to success.

Literacy Services

The Learning Link provides literacy services for customers who have achieved scores between 6th and 12th grades level on the CASAS academic assessment and are interested in pursuing either post-secondary education or occupational training. Learning Link services are also offered for those customers with goals to achieve a high school diploma. The data related to the Learning Link are found below:

Enrolled (period between June 23- July 24)	55
Referred to Job Training/Post Secondary Education	11
Attained High School Equivalency	3
Entered Employment	10

Supplemental Learning Lab

The Supplemental Learning Plan provides services to customers who have assessed at an academic level between 4th and 6th grade level. The scope of customers served in the population included adult, dislocated worker and youth who were eligible to receive WIOA services.

English as a Second Language (ESL) / Adult Basic Education (ABE)

The Atlantic County Workforce Development Board also funds services for workforce participants who scored below a fourth-grade level with the Atlantic Cape Community College to provide these literacy services. The services were designed primarily for those customers who were participating in the mandated activity requirement for public assistance recipients.

SUCCESS STORY:

HERO: NyJaia Brantley

Program Area: WFNJ, SYWEP, CWEP

Over the course of one year, NyJaia participated in our Summer Youth Work Experience Program for the second consecutive summer and our CWEP program through Stockton University. Through these programs, NyJaia acquired professional resources and experience in the field of gerontology, a field in which she aspires to further her education. Also, through participation in our programs and case worker support, she ultimately gained full-time employment in her desired field. NyJaia took full advantage of all the benefits of participating in WFNJ program and received eligible supportive benefits while participating.

Program Area: WFNJ, Learning Link, Occupational Training

HERO: Janice Figueroa

Janice Figueroa, after many years of trying to maintain employment within the casinos and manage being a parent, she began studying for her GED through Learning Link at the One Stop Career Center. After successfully obtaining her GED, she was able to enroll into CNA courses also through the One Stop Career Center. While traveling to her school, she was able to receive WFNJ benefits to assist in achieving her career goals of finding employment in the healthcare field. Today, she is a Registered Certified Nurse Aid, providing services to a wide range of homes in the community.

Submitted by.....Supervisor Britin Dubinsky

WFNJ TO WORK UNIT

Tiara Cottman - Transitional Job Training to AtlantiCare Cohort

Tiara Cottman's journey to securing stable employment began with an 8-week workforce program at MudGirls Studios, facilitated by One Stop Career Center. After being out of work for over five years, Tiara faced the significant challenge of returning to the workforce with limited experience. Determined to support her family and rebuild her career, she embraced this opportunity with resilience.

The One Stop Career Center played an instrumental role in her career path, first by helping her secure the MudGirls position, which provided her with the chance to gain practical work experience, and then by connecting her to a full-time job at AtlantiCare. The support from Grant Associates extended beyond

job placement; it included personalized assistance and encouragement that empowered Tiara to step confidently into her new role.

This shift has transformed Tiara and her family, bringing renewed hope and stability. With her new full-time job, Tiara is now able to contribute meaningfully to her family's well-being, balancing financial stability and family obligations. Her journey showcases the value of second chances and the power of community support in helping individuals achieve their career aspirations and life goals.

Submitted by: Lead Career Advisor (Grant Associates) Roxana Vianna

When Bilal Whitted came to Grant Associates, he was seeking support to transition from employment to a meaningful career that would allow him to better provide for his family. His primary barrier was the inability to afford the cost of training required to achieve his career goals.

Grant Associates stepped in with personalized assistance, providing detailed information and access to various programs. Through their support, Bilal was able to enroll in a program that fully funded the schooling they needed for his chosen career path.

This assistance created a significant turning point in Bilal's journey. With the training now complete, he is on a path toward financial freedom and greater stability, enabling him to better support his family and secure a brighter future.

Reflecting on the experience, Bilal shared his gratitude for the program, emphasizing the importance of seeking help even when the road seems difficult. "Although things may be tough at first, there is always somebody willing to help," he said. Grant Associates played a vital role in helping Bilal achieve his career aspirations and transform his life.

Submitted by: Jessica Grullo'n One Stop Operator

Summer Youth Employment Program



In the 2024 Summer Youth Work Program, a total of 317 interns participated. Of these, there were an estimated 300 interns (94%) who completed the program in good standing with their worksite employer. Additionally, 20 interns were offered continued employment at their worksite upon completion of their internship. Of the 317 participants, approximately 130 completed all 200

program hours. Interns were required to complete online workforce readiness training to earn the first 25 hours of work with a completion rate of 68%. Working with our partners in the community our program provided 100 jobs with the Atlantic City Summer Youth Program, 30 jobs with the City of Pleasantville summer program, 10 jobs with the Robertson Small Learning Center in Mays Landing, just to list a few. We are very proud of the work of our summer youth and young adults at the Atlantic County One Stop Career. We were able to place seven youth on site. Joshua Lively- (center of photo) reported to the Executive Director and created the design for the cover of this Annual Report. Gabriella Penate (second from the left) worked as the Project Manager of the Summer Program. Gabriela Martinez (captured photo) as a summer youth worker, promoted to Assistant Manager of Summer Youth



Program. Sha-Drai Brickhouse (photo left) worked as an intern with the Eligibility Unit. Mithily Das (photo right) interned directly with the summer program in an administrative capacity. Deadre Davis (not photo'd) worked with the Eligibility Unit. Jada Lee (not photo'd) assigned to the Literacy Unit. The City of Atlantic City partnered with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board's Summer Youth Worker Program to higher 100 youth and young adults. They were placed in over 68 work environments throughout Atlantic City government, casinos and retail opportunities. The retention rate was 100% with the assistance of Cynthia Torres, Shermaine Gunther-Gary and staff of the Health and Human Service Department in the Anti-Violence Unit for the City of Atlantic City .



One of our summer partners Coastal Cousin Heritage Garden Inc. created a full learn to work environment. This program hired five summer youth who were actively engaged in CCHG's seven-week program. One of Atlantic City's famous jitneys transported the cohort and the team to each garden site. The second component focused on the theoretical and technical applications of telling a story through digital film making. The youth highlighted their success of the program at the Noyes Art Garage of Stockton with the screening of a documentary

film on the energy of growing garden to table movement in Atlantic County.



CCHG ON THE ROAD IN ATLANTIC CITY AND PLEASANTVILLE



Training cucumber vines at CROPS' ARC Community Garden.



Chicken Bone Beach shrubs need to be watered. CCHG gets it done, even if we do it the old fashioned way.



The CCHG Team conducts pre-production info gathering at AC Nutrition in Chelsea.

In the Community...



Captured : WEHA's In the Community host Thelma Whitherspoon, Sherrise A. Moten and Rodney Finx Community Partner Manager (Grant Associates)



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The Atlantic County Workforce Development Board has been working with the Philadelphia Reserve Bank led by Deborah Diamond and Ashley Putnam with the assistance of Lorie Butler (ACWDB) for the past year. We were awarded an opportunity to work on the Anchors for Equity Project August 2023 for Atlantic County. This project includes bringing partners together that will diversify the collection of information and improve how we deliver services offered to the community. These discussions address topics such as: conditions while working; understanding the role of community leaders and planners in regional economies to make informed choices as anchor institutes evolve; and challenges and changes in the workforce, among others. Overall, the goal is to remove the appearance of a silo as it pertains to service while increasing the number of skilled, trained, employable candidates. The Anchors for the project are as follows: *Atlantic Cape Community College, Stockton University, Shore Medical Center, and AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center.*





NEW JERSEY YOUTH CORPS – CLASS OF 2024

June 27, 2024

Atlantic Cape Community College

Mays Landing, NJ



The Start of a Brighter Future



Luis Torres New Jersey Youth Corps Class of 2022



Luis Torres is an excellent example of a person overcoming severe personal challenges such as social anxiety and low self-esteem.

He enrolled in the New Jersey Youth Corps Program in November of 2021 and from the beginning of the first class until his cohort concluded we assisted him with Mental Health Wellness and encouraged him to strive to do his best.

Luis worked hard at becoming one of the top students in his class and eventually became much more outgoing. He was a positive role model for his classmates and has returned several times since graduating to share his personal story and testimony with subsequent cohorts. Some of his other achievements are as follows:

- Earned the 10 Hour OSHA Safety Training Credential
- Earned his New Jersey Drivers License.
- Passed the GED Exam earning his High School Diploma.
- Transitioned into employment at Bob's Discount Furniture.

It should be noted that in August of 2024, Luis was promoted to a floor supervisory position at Bob's and now supervises a staff of five. He also is enrolled as a student at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing, NJ.

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Odinga Maddox
Program Director*

Executive Committee

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Secretary/Treasurer

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**Chair, Healthcare Committee
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Chair, Literacy Committee

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**Chair, Youth Investment Council
Fiscal/Membership Committee**

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