



**GREATER RARITAN ONE-STOP ~ SERVING HUNTERDON COUNTY AND SOMERSET COUNTY**

# **ONE-STOP OPERATOR JULY REPORT**

Program Year 2023/ 2024

July 1 -31

## Greater Raritan One-Stop Summer Overview

Partners in the Greater Raritan One-Stop Local Area system are committed to serving our community with empathy and quality service. They are excited to launch (2) new initiatives designed to improve the quality of life and career prospects for some clients.

The TANF Initiative is slated to officially launch this summer. It will provide transportation, extended computer access, subsidies auto repair and a host of other essential services for our Work First New Jersey customers.

The Greater Raritan One-Stop is also launching an Employment Pipeline Pilot Program. It will establish an employment pipeline for WFNJ and other One-Stop customers. Pipeline clients will receive priority employment consideration and case management support.

The One-Stop is honored to serve our community and look forward to supporting the future success of our clients. A few of those success stories are included in this report.



## Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #1

### Client from One-Stop Career Training Services Center

A client came to the One-Stop Career Training Services Center after being laid off from her job as a creative lead on her company's team. Despite her best efforts to find employment in her industry sector, she was struggling to reengage the workforce. In speaking with the client, her Career Navigator learned that she had just obtained her bachelor's degree in communications and came to the office with the thought of using the Tuition Waiver Program to complete her master's degree.

However, due to eligibility constraints as well as her concern about being out of work for two years while finishing a long-term educational program, she worked with her Career Navigator to find another educational path. After extensive research into training programs that matched the needs of businesses in her industry sector, the client enrolled in a four-month multimedia art certification program. This short-term training was in high demand and allowed her the opportunity to learn new skills and increase her marketability in an expeditious manner.

The client was provided with job leads by her Career Navigator and was also very active herself in seeking out employers who were looking for the certification would be receiving. The same month that she completed training, the client was hired as a creative director for a multinational food corporation, making nearly \$140K per year. The client attributes her success in fast-tracking her education and securing her dream job to the guidance of her Career Navigator.



## Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #2

### Client from Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

A client came to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) seeking assistance with funding for college so she could earn a degree that could allow her to gain a skill and pursue a career in her field of interest - criminal justice. At the time of referral, she was 17 years old and close to graduating high school. She was determined eligible to receive department services based on her disability of Specific Learning Disability which caused various difficulties in terms of education and employment.

DVRS provided her with the following services: counseling and guidance services, tuition assistance for college, funds for books and supplies needed for college, and Supported Employment Services to help her with finding and keeping a job. Despite these limitations and with DVRS assistance, the client graduated with her bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in public administration with an overall GPA of 3.699, with honors, Magna Cum Laude.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree, she was able to secure employment at a county Prosecutors Office as a full-time clerk. She is responsible for scheduling court meetings, data entry, answering phone calls, and other duties. The client is pleased with her current employment as a step on her career pathway and thankful for all the assistance received from DVRS.



## Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #3

### Client from Work First New Jersey

A client participated in the June 2024 WFNJ Job Readiness Workshop. As part of the workshop curriculum, she learned how to develop a focused, successful job search strategy, and worked with a WFNJ instructor to create a compelling resume that highlighted her skill set. With her improved resume, she began applying for administrative positions, and in less than a month she was offered and accepted a position as office manager of a patient care facility.

She reached out to the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) WFNJ staff to express appreciation for the coaching and encouragement she received during the workshop. While doing so, she also passed on information about some open positions with her employer! HCESC team members are honored to have played a part in this customer's success story.



## **JULY 2024 PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**New Training Services Customers Served: 284**  
(Includes Training Grant Orientation, Youth Referrals and WFNJ Referrals)  
**New DVR Customers Served: 93**  
**New Training Grants Provided: 7**  
**WFNJ Referrals Received: 233**  
**Individual Assessments: 1**  
**Youth Employment Services Referrals: 5**  
**Active Youth Employment Services Clients: 71**  
**SkillUp Registrants: 141**  
**Employment Services Customer Appointments: 288**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION'S STATEWIDE JOB FAIR**  
Connecting talents, building the future of New Jersey.

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES ARE LOOKING FOR TALENTED INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU.**

**Date and Time**  
Thursday, August 15, 2024  
9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

**Location**  
Kean University  
Liberty Hall Academic Center  
1003 Morris Ave Building 2, Union, NJ 07083  
*Parking for job seekers will be in the STEM LOT*

**Details**  
Informational Sessions on how to apply for State Employment:  
Room 106 at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

Bring multiple copies of your resume for hiring agencies of your interest.

USE THE LINK OR SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER NOW!  
<https://forms.office.com/g/07cJGg7GXP>




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**Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson & the Somerset County Commissioners present**



**Somerset County Veterans Resource, Job & Wellness Fair**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**  
**3 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Senior Wellness Center at Bridgewater, 876 E. Main St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (next to TD Bank Ballpark)

The Veterans Resource, Job & Wellness Fair is open to those who served the country and their spouses.

Local, county and state agencies offering information on veterans and related social services and employers looking to fill open positions are invited to pre-register below. **Participating employers MUST have open positions for veterans that can be full-time or part-time.**

The event also will feature free wellness opportunities for the veterans in attendance, and opening remarks by Somerset County Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson, an Air Force veteran.

**To register: SPACE IS LIMITED.** Agencies and employers may pre-register by going to <https://bit.ly/3SOUxxo> or using the QR code at right. A confirmation email will be sent once your registration is accepted. Registration closes by **Friday, September 20.** For questions, email [info@thegrwdb.org](mailto:info@thegrwdb.org).




The Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services in partnership with the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board present the



**2024 Somerset County DisABILITY Expo & Job Fair**

**WHEN: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2024**  
**WHERE: Senior Wellness Center at Bridgewater, 876 E. Main St. (next to TD Bank Ballpark)**  
**WHAT: Agency Information and Job Fair - all free for agencies, employers and attendees**

The 2024 Somerset County DisABILITY Expo & Job Fair is for Job Seekers and Community Members, to connect them with open positions and agency services in the region, and Employers and Agencies, who can highlight their open positions and services.

**NEXT STEPS:** Employers and Agencies interested in attending this event should click here or use the QR code to register. Registration will close Friday, Sept. 13.

For more information on this event, email [info@thegrwdb.org](mailto:info@thegrwdb.org). Please note that the Senior Wellness Center is ADA compliant, and a room will be available for employers and agencies to meet with attendees.






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