

Hunterdon and Somerset Counties out-of-school youth, 16-24 years old, with work barriers may qualify to take part in the YES Program's Visions initiative presented by Middle Earth, a partner of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

The program provides youth participants with employment readiness skills to prepare them for the workforce. This orients them to employer expectations, increases their employability, and assists them in becoming responsible community members.

Here's how businesses in the two counties can help:

- Provide a 20-hour internship for participating youth that will mimic a real-life work environment
- Provide participants with the guidance and mentorship that will make the experience a success

Middle Earth provides a stipend for the youth during their work experience and supports the placements for the youth and employers.

Employers needed include the Trades - electrician, Plumbing and HVAC - Restaurants, Real Estate, Tech/ Software Development, IT, and Coding, Animal Care/ Veterinarian and Nursing/Assisted Living Care.

To get involved, local businesses may contact:

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