



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

ONE-STOP OPERATOR APRIL REPORT

Program Year 2025/ 2026

April 1 - 30

Greater Raritan One-Stop Operator Report

April 2026

The Greater Raritan One-Stop, in partnership with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, successfully hosted the Experienced Worker Recruitment Event on April 30, 2026. Key highlights and outcomes are summarized below:

Event Overview

- Employers Participating: 14

Jobseeker Attendance

- Total Attendees: 53

Recruitment Metrics

- Resumes Collected: 45
- On-Site Interviews Conducted: 25
- Immediate Hires: 5 (placements made at the event)

Note: Final placement numbers are still pending.

This event demonstrates strong engagement from both employers and jobseekers, with immediate hiring success and additional potential placements expected in follow-up.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #1

Maria, uncertain about her career direction, visited the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Center. After leaving her job at a local supermarket in 2023, she had been out of work and received SNAP assistance.

During career counseling, her career navigator noticed her determination despite her unemployment. Maria's strong organizational skills led her to express interest in a warehouse environment. The navigator recommended the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) training program at Rutgers Center for Continuing Professional Development, which would leverage her strengths and open doors to warehouse and logistics career opportunities with growth potential.

Maria and her career navigator gathered the necessary documents for her WIOA grant application. Her navigator encouraged her throughout the training process. Finding a quiet place to study was her biggest challenge, so she used the One-Stop's Career Training Services Center's quiet spaces or visited the local library. With limited transportation access, she relied on family and friends for help.

Maria's persistence paid off. She completed the Certified Supply Chain Professional CSCP program and secured employment as a Logistics Coordinator with a regional company. Her salary provided reliable transportation, housing, and food security.

Maria's journey demonstrates how determination, the right training, and the support of the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Center can lead to meaningful career opportunities.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #2

JM joined Middle Earth with the intention of entering the trades. As a high school graduate eager to gain practical work experience and explore the possibility of attending trade school after completing the Middle Earth Visions Program, JM was enthusiastic about participating in the job readiness training program.

Throughout the program, JM remained engaged and motivated. Towards the end, the staff assisted him in securing an interview at a corporation, one of their internship partners. After the interview, JM was offered a full-time position at a manufacturing company that specializes in producing custom magnetic and electrical components. Currently, JM is actively collaborating with the YES Program to explore how available grant funding can support his career aspirations.

Reflecting on his experience JM shared: “I enjoyed all parts of the Visions Program. I learned how to write a resume. Because of this program, I gained more confidence when doing interviews.”

Greater Raritan One-Stop Success Story #3

S.R. is a 23 year old independent young woman who has been part of our Title II program since 2024. Before that she had participated sporadically in our Learning Link programming. She was referred to the program by the YES program and has enjoyed their support each step of her journey. In the years she has worked with the Title II , she has met and overcome many barriers including transportation, employment/financial struggles, personal loss and more. The flexibility of their program was designed to meet the complicated schedules of Adult Learners and this student was able to alternate seamlessly between in person lessons either in our Somerville or Flemington locations, virtual lessons through zoom or a combination.

Through the support of wrap around supportive services and collaboration with partner agencies, she was able to dedicate the time she needed to learn the academic and soft skills necessary to pass her High School Equivalency exams. It has been heartbreaking to see her struggle through set back after set back, however it has been an absolute joy to see her persevere and be able to demonstrate the maturity to apply the skills she acquired in their program. They wish her well as she continues to a nursing program at Raritan Valley Community College next semester.

Stay Connected with the Greater Raritan One-Stop

- Sign up for text message updates on services, events, and career resources.
- Text **ONESTOP** to (908) 460-8144.
- Receive timely notifications to support your job search and career development.

Greater Raritan One-Stop remains committed to connecting jobseekers to employers and accelerating employment opportunities throughout Somerset and Hunterdon County.

APRIL 2026 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

New Training Services Customers Served: 146
(Includes Training Grant Orientation, Youth Referrals and WFNJ Referrals)

New DVR Customers Served: 121

New Training Grants Provided: 22

Individual Assessments: 9

Youth Employment Services Referrals: 17

Active Youth Employment Services Clients: 82

SkillUp Registrants: 126

Employment Services Customer Appointments: 338

RESOURCES

Ignite your job search! **Greater Raritan** Workforce Development Board
Attend the **FREE**
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2026 Job Fair

Tuesday
May 19, 2026
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Hindu Temple and Cultural Society
Balaji Temple Auditorium,
North Hall, Banquet Hall,
1 Balaji Temple Drive
(off of Route 202-206),
Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

- Meet and network with up to 100-plus employers from Hunterdon and Somerset Counties and the surrounding region.
- Share resumes with employers for hundreds of full-time, part-time and internship positions.
- Attend a career workshop to learn about the many services offered by partners of the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center.

The list of attendees will be updated here on the www.thegrwdb.org throughout the month of May.

This is a free event. Walk-ins are welcome, and registration is optional. Register at <https://bit.ly/4ccDu11>, or use the QR code. Questions? Email info@thegrwdb.org.

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SOMERSET COUNTY **HUNTERDON COUNTY** **Jersey Job Club**

The partners in the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center have the expertise and knowledge to help job seekers have success.
Learn more during the Jersey Job Club monthly workshop series.

In **Jersey Job Club workshops**, a Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Coach leads 90-minute-long job seeker-focused workshops. The topics outlined below are presented monthly in two workshops series - one virtually (Zoom) and the other in person at the Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Somerville. Topics are:

- ❖ **Top Notch Resume: Resume Writing 1** – Different resumes types, their components and the submission process.
- ❖ **Top Notch Resume: Resume Writing 2** – The importance of cover letters, professional references and follow up.
- ❖ **Acing the Interview 1** – The ins and out of preparing for an interview will be discussed.
- ❖ **Acing the Interview 2** – Two interviewing techniques and how to respond to common questions.
- ❖ **Path to Employment** – Planning your job search, Workshop 1.
- ❖ **Networking** – The best (fastest?) way to find a job.

To register for upcoming workshops, open to all residents of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, call 908-704-3000 or email shiela.gaa@dol.nj.gov, and indicate which Jersey Job Club program you want to join. Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center staff will take registrants' information and provide the details for the workshop sessions as they are scheduled. The series repeats monthly. [Click here](#) to see the latest series dates on the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board calendar. Remember that One-Stop Career Coaches are available to assist with all job search endeavors.

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Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center
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Services for our Customers

- Individual career counseling and vocational guidance, provided by state-certified career counselors
- Services for specialized populations including veterans, youth, 55+, ex-offenders, public assistance recipients and those living with a disability
- Aptitude, interest and skill based assessments to guide career exploration
- Virtual workshops and webinars that provide the tools and skills needed to land a job in today's competitive market
- Free labor market information resources showing trends in current jobs and needed skills
- Workforce Learning Link services for those who are in need of Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, English as a Second Language and fundamental computer skills.
- Training grants that serve to upgrade skills and increase job seekers' marketability and ability to secure employment
- On-the-job-training grants that allow employers to make an investment in prospective new hires who would benefit from business-specific learning
- Recruitment events on different platforms that bring together job seekers and businesses who have job openings and are ready to hire
- Access to the latest job postings each week

Serving Hunterdon and Somerset Counties

For more information about our services, contact us at 908-541-5780 or onestop@co.somerset.nj.us. Visit www.thegrwdb.org/resources/ or text onestop to 56512 for weekly updates.
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Build Your Future!
Get paid to learn job skills and jump-start your career! (Ages 16–24)

yes CAN HELP!

Scan the QR code to see if you qualify!

NOW SERVING BOTH IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (AGES 16–24)

IN-SCHOOL YOUTH: (LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE)

- ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AN EQUIVALENT PROGRAM
- SEEKING CAREER GUIDANCE, TUTORING, OR EARLY WORK EXPERIENCE

OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH:

- NOT CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL
- LOOKING FOR JOB TRAINING, GED SUPPORT, OR CAREER PATHWAYS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:

- RESIDENTS OF SOMERSET OR HUNTERDON COUNTIES
- FACING CHALLENGES OR BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

Our programs: YESToWORKNJ.org

- Job Search Help - guidance to land your first job
- GED & Tutoring - complete your education while preparing for your career
- Paid Career Sampling - explore careers while you learn
- Work Readiness Training - build essential workplace skills
- Training Grant – up to \$5,000 for approved career center programs

Middle Earth Programs: Middle Earth

Hunterdon PolyTech Programs: Hunterdon PolyTech

  

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