



One-Stop Partners' Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2022

One-Stop Partners present: Angela Smith of Niagara Falls Housing Authority, Bonnie Rice of Niagara County Workforce Development Board, Don Jablonski of Niagara County Employment & Training Department, Dennis Martinez of ACCES-VR, Michelle Taylor of NYS Department of Labor, Ben Bunker of Niagara County Youth Bureau, and Vincent Trippi of Cassadaga Job Corps.

One-Stop System Operator Jeannine Brown-Miller (JBM) reviewed the updated One-Stop System Operator report for Quarter 1 of Program Year 2022.

JBM opened the meeting for group updates.

Bonnie Rice - reported that we are at record-breaking numbers for On-the-Job Training and Classroom Training in demand occupations has increased as well.

Vincent Trippi - mentioned Spectrum News did a feature highlight of an LPN trainee at Cassadaga Job Corps; you can search for "Spectrum News and Cassadaga Job Corps" for more information.

Don Jablonski - expressed his appreciation for all who are involved in this partnership and the close collaborations he values.

Angela Smith - updated on Housing Authority, indicating that they received another grant for CNA program and it will be extended for six more classes; Bonnie asked for a flyer from Angela to share. This program is averaging around 7 students per class; proud of outcome. They are getting jobs right after finishing the class.

Banked on Buffalo - onsite banking mobile unit now available; Angela will share a flyer for this information to this group through Bonnie/JBM.

Noted that the eligibility for CNA training is open to all. It was originally opened for Housing Authority residents but now open to all in or out of Niagara County.

Transportation is provided; daycare provided and they tend to tackle barriers that come up. The students are also provided lunch and snack every day. After they pass the certification, \$1,000 is provided to them; even if they don't pass but complete the course, they are provided with \$250 and they will get the remainder of the \$1,000.00 once the test is passed.

JBM asked Angela if she had any ideas of others who may have interest in this meeting.





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Angela mentioned that Alan Booker may be interested. She will get the contact information to JBM.

Ben Bunker – mentioned that he and Bonnie provided a very good presentation for youth letting them know of what's available on career paths; it was focused on human services to start with then dove deeper into the other career paths. They have found that Youth want to get into the workforce right away so this program is great.

50% of students believe they can be successful without a college degree. The programs offered through our One-Stop Partners are extremely valuable as a result.

JBM asked Ben specifically, given the DSS role in our community, for any other contacts at DSS that we could ask to actively engage in this partner group. He will get back to JBM. Ben mentioned perhaps a caseworker focused on teens ready for work would be appropriate.

Next One-Stop Partners' meeting will be held on March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

