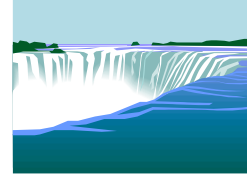


Niagara County Workforce Development Group WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, October 19, 2022 @ 9 a.m.
Minutes

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis, Bonnie, Ron, Glenn, Mike K., Mike C., Joe B., Colleen, Mike C., Shannon
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NACS-Colleen C.	Expansion and growth keeping everyone busy. Now serving 29 clients with another 27 pending. There is an eligibility process to receive services that involves a bit of paperwork. Working with NYS Dept of Civil service for partnership. Possible use of OJT Participating in numerous job fairs and Native events.
NCE&T Mike K.	<p>8 Active OJTs: Empro Niagara TDA, LLC Matrix Machine Specialties Broda Machine Virtual Polymer Compounds (2) Matrix Imaging Solutions Powell's Heating and Cooling</p> <p>1 Active Customized Training: Matrix Imaging Solutions - Training provided by NCCC Workforce Development.</p>
WDB – Bonnie R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WDB Inclusion Committee held 2nd virtual business workshop on diversity topic of LGBTQ+ and creating a welcoming work environment. Over 40 businesses attended! First-ever WDB Networking Event held 10/18 for Board members. Toured Career Center and learned of our accomplishments. Was NDEAM Guest Speaker at annual awards event. NYATEP and NYSEDC Fall Conference: Mike Casale and Bonnie hosted a workshop on economic/workforce development collaboration efforts. Workshop was well attended and well received. Attended 5 virtual Work Group meetings with Empire State Development and WNY Regional Economic Development Council. Work Groups are with an external facilitator and are geared towards discussing the successes, challenges, and needs for our local businesses and training.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Fair Flyer - please share widely with anyone who engages with job seekers! • Attached Program year report 😊
Career Center- Glenn A.	The Numbers Game: During 2021 , the Career Center has seen 57 OJTs, 152 participants in Classroom Training for Demand Occupations and services for 109 youths.
NCCC-Shannon S.	Planning a college career fair for Allied Health occupations for next year as well as other events consistent with the college's degree programs.
NCCED- Mike C.	<p>Thanks to all the folks who attended the NYATEP presentation. And thanks to Cathy Synor who coordinated the online poll software which will be used again perhaps in the Business Workshops.</p> <p>https://www.polleverywhere.com/</p> <p>Retention has contacted 64 companies so far and had 42 meetings with 38 companies.</p> <p>Appreciation for collaborative efforts with county partners for services to local company.</p> <p>Fourteen local businesses are either anticipating or in the process of expansion.</p> <p>County Economic Gardening program is designed to assist second stage or emerging growth companies.</p> <p>There is a project to develop a business park in eastern Niagara County</p> <p>Thanks to all who participated in Business Workshops. There have been three so far this year and have attracted 123 business participants. The upcoming workshop on December 7, will focus on Canadian Companies.</p> <p>The Brownfields Program has added another project with market rate apartments on River Road in NT.</p>
Niagara Pride- Ron P.	Planning for another LGBTQ+ Vocational Youth Conference in the Spring of '23. Partnering with (Gay & Lesbian Youth Services) GLYS for this event. If you work with youth, please share this information about the upcoig event.
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p>Fall Diversity Career Fair is on Thursday, October 27 at the central public library downtown Buffalo from 10 to noon. There are 28 companies registered. The event is open to the public.</p> <p>We are interested in doing a hands-on career exploration youth event in Niagara County, similar to GLOW with Your Hands. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Dennis or Bonnie</p> <p>Thanks to Bonnie for her excellent presentation at our NDEAM business awards event.</p>

NYSDOL -Joe B	<p>In person job fairs have returned to Erie and Niagara Counties, and will be held quarterly Virtual fairs also continue. These will be held monthly.</p> <p>The virtual DREAM job fair will be held on the 25th. DREAM stands for Disability Rights and Employment Awareness Month.</p> <p>The NYSDOL can do workshops on application for service positions</p> <p>Below is the link to register as a job seeker:</p> <p>https://nysdolvirtual12.easyvirtualfair.com</p> <p>Please feel free to share this link far and wide!</p>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 30, Webex Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving