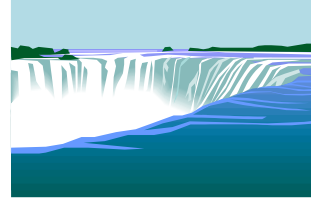


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, January 3, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL
Notes/Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Mike C., Mike K., Joe B., Karen K., Kate M.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
Happy New Year	<p>The WDG is a long standing informal, workforce development, information sharing group concerned primarily with Niagara County. It is open to all interested parties. If you are receiving these meeting notes, you are considered a member of this group. If you are no longer interested in following the WDG, please let me know and you will be taken off the email distribution list.</p> <p>If you know of others who may be interested in participating, please feel free to share information about the group and links to join virtual meetings. Meetings are held virtually at 9.00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise specified.</p>
NCE&T Mike K.	<p>51 OJTs written in the last calendar year. 8 Active OJTs at the moment.</p> <p>Wrote OJTs with 4 new companies this year: Swogier Construction Aero Car and Limo Shipman Printing Diversified Manufacturing</p> <p>Done presentations with 3 new companies that seemed very interested in OJT: Premier Car Care National Maintenance Contracting – Welding/fabrication Battenfeld Grease and Oil</p> <p>Presenting to Westrock next week.</p>

<p>NCCED Mike C.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention- 2023 saw contact with 80 companies leading to 40 meetings with 33of these. • Projects – Current projects can be found on our website at... https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/ncida_active_projects • Business Workshops Planning on four of these for 2024. 4th annual Agri-Business workshop will be held this spring.
<p>NCCC- Kate M.</p>	<p>In the midst of planning for at least three college career fairs this spring, including events relating to culinary and health care occupations, as well as a more general job fair. Dates/times TBA</p>
<p>NYSDOL- Joe B.</p>	<p>Attached the schedule of proposed job fairs from the DOL. We are also looking to schedule a spring fair at the Downtown Niagara Falls Library in the spring, but don't have a date yet. In response to a question about virtual career fairs, here's the link for the virtual career fair Demo: https://nysdolvirtual2.easyvirtualfair.com/DEMO/home</p>
<p>Glenn Aronow- Trott Career Center (additional Information)</p>	<p>Since we are on the 2024 job fair schedule, here is ours:</p> <p>March 13th at the Kenan Center in Lockport (indoor) (we are keeping this one to about 45 businesses)</p> <p>June 5th at Oppenheim in Wheatfield (outdoor)</p> <p>August 7th at Day Road Park in Lockport (outdoor) (combine with DOL, who has one scheduled same date - need to set time with DOL)</p> <p>October 16th at Oppenheim in Wheatfield (outdoor)</p>
<p>NU- Karen K</p>	<p>Recovering from an ankle injury , Karen is immersed in a grant writing activity.</p>

<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Diversity Career Fair on April 25 10:30 AM- 12:30 at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library located in Downtown Buffalo. Open to the public. • In-person Panel discussion for business at 9 a.m to 10:15 a.m. ,immediately prior to career fair. Topic is Making Reasonable Accommodations reasonable for all. • Niagara County Career XPLORation Fair October 2024 for area high school students with disabilities to learn more about occupations with hands on and other demonstrations. Date/Venue TBA • Erie County Student Career Exploration Fair Wednesday See attached Flyer April 17th, 2024 Boys & Girls Club of Elma, Marilla & Wales <p>ACCES-VR offers training for business and community on topics related to the ADA, disability awareness/etiquette. The presentations were created by the ADA Center at Cornell University and can be tailored to your needs. If you are interested in such a presentation, please let Dennis know.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on February 7, 9a.m.</p>