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Pathways

The start of the new year always brings up resolutions and while we could all stand to make a few changes, Schenectady County Connects has spent the past several years undergoing tremendous transformation to better serve you.

Our resolution for 2023 is to continue to be responsive to the needs of our customers on an individual and systemic level that allows us to meet the workforce development needs of our community.

We are here to help you begin the career of your dreams, support you in changing your business mindset to better recruit and retain employees, and upskill to meet the evolving needs of our world.

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2023 Hiring Events

We are ringing in 2023 with a collaborative, in-person outlook on hiring events. Schenectady County Connects will be partnering with the SUNY Schenectady College and Career Outreach Center to provide monthly career fairs held either at the Schenectady County Public Library or Center City Lobby where job seekers can explore local, in-demand job offerings.

For those who need assistance with resume development or interviewing techniques prior to the event, please reach out:

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Interested in participating as a business?

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Let us help you make 2023 the start of your dream career!



CAREER FAIR

JANUARY 19, 2023
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Come explore local careers and see
what businesses are hiring!**

IN-PERSON AT
CENTER CITY LOBBY (FIRST FLOOR)
433 STATE STREET, SCHENECTADY, NY 12305

DRESS PROFESSIONALLY & BRING YOUR RESUME
CALL (518) 344-2737 OR (518) 631-2257
OR E-MAIL [SCHENECTADYSJTA@DFA.STATE.NY.US](mailto:SchenectadySJTA@dfa.state.ny.us)
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RESUME ASSISTANCE

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Capital Region
Workforce Development Board

Success Story

Nicole is a single mother to 3 children and has been working diligently to update her resume, find childcare, as well as employment, all while attending school full-time at SUNY Schenectady, working towards her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Nicole went through the process of utilizing Brightside Up and helping her sister to become a legally exempt childcare provider whereby her sister may provide childcare that is authorized and paid for by the Department of Social Services for Nicole's children.

Schenectady County Connects career services assisted Nicole with updating her resume so that she was able to actively look for employment. This resulted in her being hired full-time by Living Resources. Nicole has secured hours that still allow for her to be present and attend her children's school and sport activities. She will also begin her last semester of school in January and looks forward to walking across the stage in May with her Diploma in hand!

Schenectady County Connects helps BOCES students with resume building

As we build our partnerships within the local school districts - we have been fortunate to be invited into the BOCES Cosmetology classes to facilitate workshops on resume development, create and, in some cases, update student resumes, and educate students on interviewing skills. Some positive publicity came of this partnership in the following article, shared with us by BOCES:

ALBANY – Job coaches with Schenectady County Connects met with juniors in the Capital Region BOCES Cosmetology program on Thursday to help them create resumes that will have them styling and manicuring in no time.

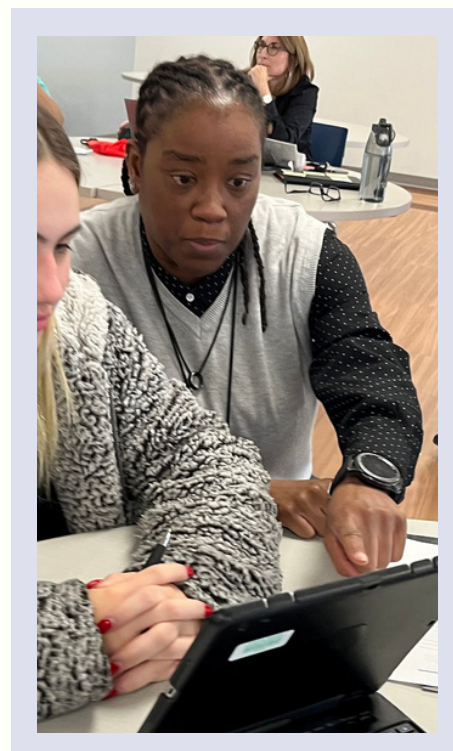
The trio of coaches worked with dozens of students to help them prepare resumes that will put them in the fast lane to employment.

“I believe our young people need a strong foundation to build upon and go out into the community to make a difference,” said Danielle Mitchell, one of the coaches. She was assisted by fellow Schenectady County Connects representatives Marlo Valachovic and Lorena Flores.

Students said they appreciated the effort. “It’s really cool to be able to work with a professional and learn how to build a resume that will get me hired,” said Maritza Gonzalez, who attends the Career & Technical Education program from Mohonasen.

Schenectady County Connects is one of more than 300 businesses, education and labor entities that partners with Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education Center. The partners provide training, career-preparation events, work-based learning and internships that prepare Career & Technical Education students for careers that exist now and those that will exist in the future.

There are approximately 130 students from 24 school districts currently enrolled in the two-year Cosmetology program on the Albany and Schoharie campuses. Students in the program gain the skills and 1,000 hours of training and experience needed to take the New York State licensure exam. The experience prepares students to enter the workforce upon graduation or to go to college and have a leg up on future business competitors. For more information, go to <https://www.capitalregionboces.org/career-technical-education/courses-programs/cosmetology/>



Director's Corner

Follow us on Social Media for all of our latest job postings and program updates.



See where 2023 can take you;
whether it's finding a new job, learning new skills,
recruiting and retaining employees or more,
we can meet your employment and business needs!

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offerings and current, local job postings:



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Director of Workforce Development



JANUARY

National Mentoring Month

Motivation & Inspiration Day
on the 2nd

National Clean Your Desk Day
on the 9th

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

National Apprenticeship Week
starting on the 7th

Employee Legal Awareness Day
on the 13th

MARCH

Women's History Month

National Employee Appreciation Day
on the 3rd

Equal Pay Day on the 15th

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