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Growth

Over the past two years, Schenectady County Connects has rebranded and expanded to better serve the workforce development needs of our community. Similarly, it is our mission to help every customer - individual or business - redefine their goals and grow their skills to reach their true potential.

Our holistic services that meet each customer where they are at, wide array of in-house offerings, extensive partnerships in the community, and creative staff members provide the support needed to recognize and reach previously unforeseen objectives.

Schenectady County Connects can help whether you are completely unsure of what direction you want for your career, you're in the process of taking steps to find the job of your dreams, or you've already secured employment and are looking to climb the ladder to success. Similarly, we can assist your business with recruitment, training, and retention services for ongoing success.

Give us a call today! (518) 344-2737



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Connect at Our Career Fair

After two long years, we are pleased to announce our upcoming, in-person Career Fair in partnership with SUNY Schenectady and the Capital Region Workforce Development Board.

Participating businesses have been directly recruited by our Business Services Representative and are local organizations looking to add your talent to their company.

Schenectady County Connects is available for resume and cover letter development assistance, interview preparation, support through the hiring process, and retention services once you land the job.

Register today and see where your next career move could take you with the support of Schenectady County Connects!



SCHENECTADY COUNTY
CONNECTS
CAREER FAIR

MAY 25, 2022
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come explore local careers and see what businesses are hiring!

IN-PERSON AT
SUNY SCHENECTADY - VAN CURLER ROOM
78 WASHINGTON AVE, SCHENECTADY, NY

 **PRE-REGISTER TODAY OR CALL (518) 344-2737 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RESUME ASSISTANCE**

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

 **Capital Region**
 Workforce Development Board

 **SUNY SCHENECTADY**
 COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SEFCU Partnership Budgeting Basics

Register for the May 16 session:
<http://bit.ly/SEFCUBudgeting 5-16>

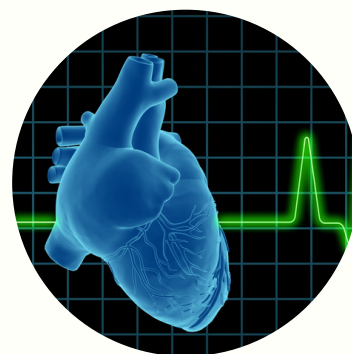


Part of our mission at Schenectady County Connects is building customers' capacity for self-sufficiency. From young teenagers learning how to budget their first paychecks to experienced adults looking for tips on managing new or established income, SEFCU offers courses to help support each person's financial goals.

Schenectady County Connects is proud to offer a free virtual workshop on Budgeting Basics in partnership with SEFCU. The next workshop will be held May 16 at 2pm and is open to the public. You can register by visiting: <http://bit.ly/SEFCUBudgeting 5-16>.

Success is the Heart of Our Work

Michael's* goal was to get into the medical field, and he took his first step by signing up for an EKG Technician course, however, he was stressed out about paying for it. His advisor recommended that he reach out to Schenectady County Connects for tuition assistance. He immediately connected with a counselor to do an intake and assessment. Michael learned about the process for requesting tuition assistance and hoped he would receive some funding. A week later, his employment counselor at Schenectady County Connects called him to give him the good news that he was approved to receive the full tuition amount for his course! He was incredibly excited that his tuition would be completely covered.



After a few weeks, Michael reached back out to his employment counselor because he desperately needed a job; he was applying to many locations and had interview after interview, with no luck. Michael was starting to become hopeless and frustrated, he even considered dropping his EKG Technician course. When he discussed this with his employment counselor, he received reassurance that he would land something soon and was encouraged to continue with his course. Michael's employment counselor told him that CSL Plasma was hiring, and he immediately submitted his application. Two days later, he was set for an interview, but he was very nervous. His employment counselor did a mock interview and gave him some tips to fully prepare him for the interview. A week later, Michael called his employment counselor to let her know that he landed the job! He was so excited to begin working and get his foot in the medical field. The employment counselor offered supportive services to Michael, such as purchasing scrubs and shoes for his job, and he was very appreciative of that.



Michael finally feels like everything is falling into place; he is taking his EKG Technician course, his attendance is great, his grades are in the 90s, and he is working at a good medical job. Michael thanked his employment counselor at Schenectady County Connects for all the assistance that was provided!



**Name changed to protect client confidentiality*



Director's Corner

Welcome,

One of the things I love most about my job is learning more and more about the community I live in everyday! It is so exciting to gain knowledge about labor market trends, the economy of our county and how we can best support businesses with a qualified, trained workforce, ready to perform. We work hard every day to understand what business is looking for and work with our local training providers to create the road map of opportunity for our job seekers into sustainable career paths with growth opportunities.

*Jennifer Bargo
Director of Workforce Development*



APRIL

World Health Day on the 7th

Administrative Professionals Day
on the 27th

MAY

Meditation Month

Child Care Provider
Appreciation Day on the 6th

In-Person Career Fair at SUNY
Schenectady on the 25th

Memorial Day on the 30th

JUNE

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Juneteenth on the 19th

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Please call us if you'd like to make an appointment
to meet with our staff at Schenectady Works



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