Featured News From Around the State

Wistar Institute Obtains First State Approval as Non-Traditional Apprenticeship

The Wistar Institute’s Biomedical Research Technician (BRT) Apprenticeship has become the first-ever registered, STEM, non-traditional apprenticeship program in biomedical research approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

Read more about how this training model is now fully recognized by the state and will help serve the workforce needs of the region’s burgeoning life sciences community with experienced lab technicians.

CPWDC announces the launch of The Link, a new mobile career center

"Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC) recognizes that traveling to one of the six PA CareerLink® offices in the region can be a challenge for individuals living in rural communities, and The Link is our way of reducing that barrier to help more individuals find employment," stated Erica Mulberger, Executive Director in a recent press release.

The Link was featured on WNEP news last night. Check it out!
Information & Analysis

Report of the Deputy Secretary

This report summarizes some of the many efforts and initiatives being undertaken throughout the Workforce Development deputate by field staff throughout the commonwealth.

Learn about the ways agencies are focusing on improved service delivery and coordination of services.

Transitioning Industry Partnerships to Next Generation Sector Partnerships

Traditional Industry Partnerships focused solely on worker training. This serves as a great starting point for establishing Next Generation Sector Partnerships (NGSP), the objective of which is to meet the overall competitiveness needs of the industry.

Get more information on the Next Gen model and register for the NGSP Academy, September 21-22, 2017.

Promising Practices

Career Readiness School District Mini-Grant Project through Team PA Foundation

The activities funded by the mini-grants will become the foundation for scaling, sharing, and replicating identified best practices.

Learn more about how the mini-grant will fund career readiness projects, related activities, and the resulting partnerships.
Youth Activities

The Commonwealth Leads by Example in Hosting Summer Interns via State/Local Internship Program

Formerly known as Pennsylvania’s Summer Internship Program for Youth, the State/Local Internship Program (SLiP) provides work experience to youth and young adults across the commonwealth.

Read about the partnerships and lessons learned during the first two years.

Second Year of Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps Opportunity Garners Overwhelming Interest

During the recruitment period for summer 2017, there was such an overwhelming response that well over 1,400 applications were received from those eager to join the program.

Learn more about this youth employment and enrichment program.

Success Stories

Letting Her Light Shine: Brenda’s Apprenticeship Story

Philadelphia native Brenda Bowens learned about community classes provided by the District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund, a participant in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Ready to Work Partnership initiative, which helps long-term unemployed Americans find work.

Today, Brenda will tell you she feels empowered. But she had to overcome many obstacles along the way.
Air Force Veteran's Career Is Taking Off

David Laughrey sought employment assistance through the PA CareerLink® Butler County, where a disabled veterans outreach program specialist helped him land a position with VA Butler Healthcare.

Read about the services David received on his journey to reemployment.

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