



The Burlington County Beacon



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Providing job seekers, employers, and work force programs with information to enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

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Our mission is to provide job seekers with disabilities greater access to employment opportunities.

This will be accomplished by:

Educating people with disabilities about work and the resources that can help them

Educating staff of workforce programs and services on how to better serve job seekers with disabilities

Educating businesses/employers as to how individuals with disabilities can be an asset to their operations

Job Seekers: Have You Been Using the Webpage Promoting County Jobs?

Several months ago the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the launch of a new “Business and Job Seekers Services” website designed to help you find employment. Just go to www.BurlingtonCountyWorks.com and click on “Job Seekers” to access a wealth of information in one place to help you with job searches, resume writing, job training opportunities, changing careers, and unemployment insurance information. The County also has a “Hot Jobs” link that highlights a few local positions each week.

This Job Seekers path can also link you to Jobs4Jersey.com, a state compiled jobs bank that pulls current employment opportunities from more than 2,400 job posting sites.

If you are comfortable with computers but do not have a computer of your own, you can certainly use the computers at the Public Access Sites connected to the Internet free of charge at the following locations:

- One Stop Career Center, 795 Woodlane Road, Westampton, 609-518-3900
- Burlington County Library System, 5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, 609-267-9660
- Burlington County College, 1 High Street, Mt. Holly, 609-267-5618

...and for **Employers** there is the “Business Services” website, also at www.BurlingtonCountyWorks.com to help you find and train qualified workers, review hard-to-fill positions, determine competitive salaries, and write effective job postings. This website also discusses how to avoid lay-off situations and how to look for current financial incentives and grants. It also has information on how businesses can obtain tax credits for new hires and how to receive training for new or current employees.

Disabilities that Individuals Can & Do Overcome

Physical Visual impairment Balance disorder

Intellectual Sensory Developmental Behavioral

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**The Office of Special Populations at
Burlington County College** ensures
that students with disabilities have every
opportunity to succeed in their academics
as active members of the college commu-
nity and also ensures that faculty and staff
are sensitive to their needs.

For more info, call 609-894-9311, x1803



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On a Personal Note

My unemployed niece attended the September 21 Job Fair at the Burlington Center, wearing a suit, sporting subtle make-up, and carrying a slender briefcase with updated resumes. I asked her if she was the “best dressed”, to which she responded, “just about”. Did her appearance have an impact? Perhaps. She received compliments by many employers and a number of follow up contacts. Later invited to an interview by one of the companies, she was greeted with “I remember you; you looked so professional”.

When she presented her functional resume to one company, the representative remarked there were no dates, she must be hiding something. So my niece went home, updated a resume with dates and sent it off to that rep. Now she carries both versions!

Have these efforts landed her a job? Not yet, but it certainly boosted her self-confidence and gave a positive first impression to the employers! *Appearances do make a difference, as does the willingness to show flexibility! Always be prepared!*



Yet another Resource for Job Seekers

Find help in difficult financial times. Not only can this web-site help you with employment, but it can take you through career exploration, government jobs, resume writing, job banks, and even to recognizing job-hunting scams.

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Education-Training/Finding-Jobs.shtml>

You can also find out how to qualify for programs that can help meet your family’s basic needs, housing, health care and insurance (how to get medical care even if you don’t have insurance) as well as assistance with debt and credit.

<http://www.usa.gov/citizen/topics/family/help-for-difficult-times.shtml>