

# Division of Community Resources Monthly Report October 2023

## Workforce Development

- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE:** October is Disability Awareness month, and the CWD will be hosting an “**Empowering Towards Independence**” educational forum for the public and businesses striving to change the capacity of existing employment systems to serve employers and individuals with disabilities. The event will be held Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm at the Kartrite Grand Ballroom. Registration is required. Please visit [www.sullivanworks.org](http://www.sullivanworks.org) click Disability Services to register. The event and breakfast buffet are free. A small amount of vendor tables will be present.
- ✓ The County Legislature approved funding for the Welding Trade class that the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) will put together using SC BOCES facilities. The class will start October 10 and run through December 21. The 10-week training will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30pm to 9 pm. Seats are limited and the cost is \$3,350 per participant with industry certifications available.
- ✓ The CWD provided recruitment events on site at the Career Center for 8 businesses in September.

### **October 10 Recruitment** event from 11am - 3pm include:

- H&R Block
- Frost Valley YMCA
- NYSDOC – Sullivan Correctional Facility
- Mountain Service Distributors

### **October 19 Recruitment** event from 11am – 3pm include:

- Monticello Central School District
- The Care Center at Sunset Lake
- Ethel B Crawford Library
- Town of Liberty

- ✓ The Delaware Valley Job Corps (DVJC), a workforce partner, has added an Advanced Utility Locator Technician Program to their trades offering. The DVJC is now open to eligible Sullivan County youth. The CWD brought DVJC and Sullivan West school district together to explore a partnership. DVJC, like CWD, is funded with federal WIOA funds. Therefore, youth must meet the same eligibility criteria.

- ✓ The CWD sent an email blast to County departments and vendors offering a presentation/review of services of the CWD and other departments under the Division of Community Resources. This is being conducted for outreach purposes to bring awareness of what services are available with new and changing staff. To date 7 presentations have been scheduled.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; NYS Department of Labor (DOL) is rolling out Virtual Career Centers; Virtual Reality Training & Solutions; Youth Build Academy; Digital Literacy to all Career Centers; Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-06 was issued on March 10, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for in-School and Out-of-School Youth Services to be contracted with qualified organizations. There were no responses to the RFP. Therefore, contracts were pursued for individual services. To date, Literacy Volunteers' contract for GED & tutoring is in place and a contract for one-on-one mental health services with a private contractor is in place.
- ✓ The CWD has contracted with Work Readiness LLC to provide work readiness programming at Liberty High School. This after school program is targeted to Juniors & Seniors. Recruitment will start in November and training will start in February.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
  - Social media:
    - 815 followers; August 2023 had a reach of 11,614 people with 282 Facebook page views, a decrease from July 2023.
  - Center Services:
    - The CWD provided services to 42 business customers and listed 61 jobs in the month of August.
    - The CWD assisted 546 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of August 2023.
    - Welfare to Work caseload profile August 2023:
      - Total Caseload - 276
      - TANF – caseload 108
      - Medical issues – 12%
      - Disabled – 17%
      - Pregnant/Newborn – 1%
      - Needed in Home – 7%
      - No Child Care – 11%
      - Criminal Justice involved – 30%
      - Cases closed – 11

Safety Net – caseload – 168  
Medical issues – 14%  
Disabled – 33%  
Needed in Home – 3%  
Criminal Justice involved – 56%  
Cases closed – 27

**Labor Market Data for August 2023 compared to August 2022**

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 3.3% (1,000) and an increase of 4.0% (1,000) in total private sector jobs.

*Please note:* The net month (July 2023 – August 2023) showed no increase in either nonfarm jobs or private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 10% (500)
  - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 6.5% (300)
  - Mining, Logging and Construction at 6.7% (100)
  - Manufacturing at 5% (100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
  - Financial Activities
  - Professional and Business Services
  - Educational and Health Services
  - Other Services
  - Government
- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.5% (143,100) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.6% (133,900) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 6.2% (128,900)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 5.6% (51,900)
- Other Services at 3.7% (14,200)
- Government at 0.6% (9,200)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.5% (6,200)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-28,900)
  - Information at -9.6% (-28,700)
  - Professional and Business Services at -0.8% (-10,800)
  - Manufacturing at -0.4% (-1,500)
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County’s private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 4.0% percent. The second

fastest growth was recorded in the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+2.1 percent) followed by the Kingston MSA (+1.1 percent). The Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division declined by 2.2 percent over the period.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.2% (11,500) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.4% (11,600) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.6% (11,500)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 6.3% (6,400)
- Other Services at 3.8% (1,600)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -3.8% (-4,600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.6% (-1,000)
- Information at -5.4% (-700)
- Financial Activities at -1.5% (-700)
- Manufacturing at -1.4% (-600)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.5% (-300)
- Government at -0.1% (-100)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.1% for August 2023 down from 3.4% in August 2022.

August 2023 had 40,000 people in the labor force (38,700 employed & 1,200 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 3.4% (1,500) and the number of unemployed decreased by -7.7% (-100) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 3.6% (1,400).

The total labor force flat July 2023 to August 2023. There was a loss of -0.5% (-200) in employed workers and an increase of 9.1% (100) in the number of unemployed workers.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for August 2023 is 3.4%, the same as August 2022. The Hudson Valley had the second lowest unemployment rate at 3.4% behind the Capital region at 3.1%.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.4% in August 2023 compared to 4.2% in August 2022.
- ✓ The August 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.7% for Saratoga County to a high of 7.3% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.1% rate ranked 8th in the State along with Ontario, Schuyler and Wayne Counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for August 2023:
  - # 8 Sullivan County at 3.1%
  - #20 Putnam County at 3.3%
  - #20 Rockland County at 3.3%
  - #20 Dutchess County at 3.3%
  - #27 Orange County at 3.5%
  - #27 Ulster County at 3.5%
  - #27 Westchester County at 3.5%

**Transportation**

✓ **County Transportation:**

<b>Month 2023</b>	<b>Veterans Medical Centers</b>	<b>Veterans In-County Medical</b>	<b>Senior Medicals</b>	<b>Shopping Buses</b>
January	45		86	70
February	35		77	66
March	33		108	67
April	46		82	68
May	52	7	91	89
June	41	14	92	97
July	42	8	71	73
August	51	18	93	111
September				
November				
December				
<b>Totals</b>				

<b>Move Sullivan 2023</b>	<b>Average Daily Ridership</b>	<b>Monthly Ridership</b>	<b>Monthly Paratransit</b>
January	235 (21 days)	4,929	84
February	266 (19 days)	5,057	65
March	286 (22 days)	6,301	85
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Totals</b>		<b>16,287</b>	<b>234</b>
April	315 (20 days)	6,291	120
May	330 (22 days)	7,267	143
June	362 (22 days)	7,952	110
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Totals</b>		<b>21,510</b>	<b>373</b>
July	416 (19 days)	7,901	163
August	450 (23 days)	10,358	198
September			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Totals</b>			
October			
November			
December			

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Totals</b>			
<b>Annual Totals</b>			

**Community Assistance Center (CAC)**

- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ Increase requests for test kits.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are now bi-monthly on Tuesdays.
- ✓ Supporting DSS Housing staff by providing food boxes for clients.
- ✓ Supported HV Food Bank mobile pantry efforts in Freemont, Yulan and Foxcroft Village.
- ✓ A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition.

**Office for the Aging August 2023 Monthly Report**

Monthly Accomplishments
<p><b><u>OFA Director:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48 New clients contacted the Office for the Aging for resources/assistance for the month of August.</li> <li>• Continued participation on Food Security Coalition. Pantry event held at Cornell Cooperative to provide grant application training.</li> <li>• Continued participation on New York State Master Plan on Aging Levels of Care subcommittee.</li> <li>• Continued participation on Empowering Towards Independence Forum planning committee.</li> <li>• Farmer’s Market Coupon Distribution ongoing, requested and received an additional 200 booklets to original 600 booklet allocation. Collaboration with Farmer’s Market for tabling and distribution, housing complexes, and other community organizations in addition to having available for pick-up at Monticello and Swan Lake locations.</li> <li>• Senior Needs Assessment ongoing- Surveys, marketing, promotion visits.</li> <li>• E-MDT case collaboration.</li> </ul>

- Met with new regional representative from Social Security to establish best collaboration.
- Unite Us implementation ongoing.
- Onboarding of new EISEP Case Management Specialist.
- Continued planning for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RSVP recognition luncheon.
- Presentation at Loch Sheldrake Seniors.
- OFA Advisory meeting, re-appointment and appointment of members and selection of Older New Yorker's Day nominees from Sullivan County.
- Participation in Rural Health Network committee meeting.

**RSVP:**

- Approximately 971 Volunteer Hours Served by 129 volunteers during August across multiple stations (number likely much higher as stations continue to mail/email hours).
- RSVP Coordinator continues to conduct outreach and visit volunteer stations to provide technical support and assistance for recruitment.
- Planning and collaboration with Advisory Council for Recognition event with huge support from OFA staff.
- Tabling with Division at VetFest and Bagelfest.

**Nutrition:**

	<b>Units:</b>	<b>Clients:</b>	<b>Contributions:</b>
<b>Homebound:</b>	1,669	102	\$1,294.00
<b>Congregate served at home:</b>	872	54	
<b>Congregate served at sites:</b>	231	25	\$366.00 (collected at our 2 active congregare meal sites)
<b>Total:</b>	2,774	183	\$1,669.00

- August was a busy month filled with vacations and site visits. Nutrition staff filled in for drivers and vacant position in Mamakating.
- Farmers Market coupon distribution continued throughout the county. To date we have distributed approximately 800 coupons to eligible seniors.
- There has been an increase in HDM referrals. 13 out of 22 seniors were assessed for Homebound Meals

**Transportation:**

- 93 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 111 SCT Shopping Trips
- 49 RSVP Medical Trips
- 3 OFA Staff provided Medical Trips
- 44 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

**HIICAP:**

- 41 Clients served.

**NY Connects:**

- 31 Clients served.
- Long Term Care Council quarterly meeting held.
- NY Connects annual application submission due 9/22/23.

**PERS:**

- 23 clients currently receive PERS through CSE, EISEP & IIIIE funding

**EISEP:**

- 21 Case Files open for full EISEP-type services including PCA
- 0 New case file open in August
- 1 Case file closed in August
- 6 Case files open without aides
- 0 Case file reassessed in August
- 6 Currently active on waitlist
- As more clients are now categorically eligible for Medicaid services, however their needs are better met by EISEP, additional screenings have increased.

**Sullivan County Youth Bureau:**

- Met with partners to create a youth ambassador/youth warriors' program in Sullivan County.
- Participated in a youth mixer and award ceremony for Sullivan 180's youth internship program.
- Became a member of the Providers of Children's Services of Sullivan County and now working on the conference slated for this fall at the college.
- Participated in the MLK Day of Service planning committee meeting.
- Participated in the Long-Term Council meeting.
- Visited the Town of Tusten summer program – martial arts.
- Created a video for Awardees to complete a Youth Bureau claim.
- Visited Nesin Summer Arts Academy.
- Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed. Reached around 600 people, and continually adding.
- Consistent posts to the Youth Bureau's Facebook & Instagram pages. Reached almost 4,000 people – Doubled in amount reached from previous month.
- Participated in monthly co-hostess spot on Talk Sullivan Radio.
- Completed and submitted 2024 Youth Bureau budget.
- Met with St. John Street school and finalized plans for Internship program beginning in October.
- Participated in the Healing Communities Study through Cornell.
- Participated in the PARFACT meeting.
- Met with Liberty Central School and proposed bringing the Youth Internship Program to their school.
- Continued conversations with the SC Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2023-2024 school year internship program.

**YB Internship Coordinator**

- Completed 3-5-year plan for Youth Internship Program.

- Participated in DFC PARFACT Committee, Warrior Teens, Sullivan 180 Program Mixer & Liberty School and MLK Day Youth Summit Planning and radio co-hosting with YB Manager.
- Assisted with creation of YB How to Make a Claim video.
- Created funding timeline for new funding.
- Attended purchasing training.

#### IN PROGRESS FOR NEXT MONTH

- Continuing outreach efforts, Public Hearing/Senior Resource Day scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Implementation of TCARE assessment, new initiative for Caregivers as directed from NY State Office for the Aging.
- Continue to work on planning on opening additional Congregate sites in conjunction with Sullivan County Transportation and Jail kitchen.
- Continued participation in Long Term Supports Subcommittee of Master Plan on Aging- Statewide collaborative planning effort between OFA & DOH.
- Preparing for submission of 4-year plan in Fall, 2023.
- Area Service Representative (ASR) visit from NY State Office for the Aging scheduled October 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>.