

# Division of Community Resources Monthly Report September 2023

## Workforce Development

- ✓ The CWD has done research and received information from SC BOCES to determine if Welding will be the next Trade program to start in the fall. A meeting will be set up with all parties involved within the next few weeks.  
**Update:** From the Construction class, four joined the Union and will be graduating August 25<sup>th</sup> all with success. Two others have received increases in their current positions due to taking this class.
- ✓ SUNY Sullivan will be providing CDL training this fall. There will be training for both CDL A and CDL B licenses. The college will be issuing a press release in the near future.
- ✓ The CWD facilitated a meeting with Sullivan West and the Delaware Valley Job Corps. The Job Corps is now able to serve Sullivan County youth and the discussion was focused on finding ways to work together in serving eligible youth who are looking for training and employment.
- ✓ The Delaware Valley Job Corps has added an Advanced Utility Locator Technician program that will start September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; 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.  
**Update:** Trainings are being set up for all CWD staff and a Career Center meeting will now be held quarterly.
- ✓ 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 that can assist The Center for Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board. There were no responses to the RFP.  
**Update:** Literacy Volunteers contract for GED & tutoring is in process and a contract for one-on-one mental health with a private contractor is also in process.
- ✓ CWD has completed the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which employed 43 youth under 12

different sites for the 2023 season. The end of year picnic was a huge success and over \$6,000 in incentives were given out to the youth in the form of gift cards to assist with purchasing school clothes with our local businesses.

- ✓ CWD is under Contract with Work Readiness LLC and met with Liberty School district to recruit Juniors & Seniors for an after-school program to become work ready. Recruitment will start in November with the hopes the training will start in February. Last year this was done at Fallsburg School.
- ✓ **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 pm at the Kartrite Grand Ballroom. **UPDATE:** Registration is now open and seats are limited. 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 allowed.
- ✓ The CWD is participating in the Unite Us software referral system. The required program and access information is being provided.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
  - Social media:
    - 785 followers; July 2023 had a reach of 12,468 people with 404 Facebook page views, a slight decrease from June 2023.
  - Center Services:
    - A catalogue of services is being developed that will be accessible through multiple formats.
    - The CWD provided services to 54 business customers and listed 115 jobs in the month of July.
    - The CWD assisted 441 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of July 2023.
    - Welfare to Work caseload profile July 2023:
      - Total Caseload - 262
      - TANF – caseload 107
      - Medical issues – 35%
      - Disabled – 20%
      - Pregnant/Newborn – 1%
      - Needed in Home – 7%
      - No Child Care – 21%
      - Criminal Justice involved – 35%
      - Cases closed – 16

Safety Net – caseload – 155  
Medical issues – 19%  
Disabled – 33%  
Needed in Home – 3%  
Criminal Justice involved – 51%  
Cases closed – 33

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

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 2.7% (800) and an increase of 3.6% (900) in total private sector jobs.

*Please note:* The net month (June 2023 – July 2023) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 0.7% (200) and an increase of 4.8% (1,200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 10% (500)
  - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 6.4% (300)
  - Mining, Logging and Construction at 6.7% (100)
  - Manufacturing at 5% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Other Services at -7.1% (-100)
- Government at -2% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Professional and Business Services
- Educational and Health Services

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.5% (144,900) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.8% (145,100) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.3% (111,100)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 5.8% (54,300)
- Other Services at 3.5% (13,500)
- Professional & Business Services at 0.3% (4,000)
- Financial Activities at 0.3% (2,300)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.8% (7,500)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -8.8% (-26,500)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.4% (-22,200)

NYS saw no job growth in:

- Manufacturing
  - Government
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 3.6 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+1.7 percent) followed by Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+1.4 percent). The Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division declined by 2.7 percent over the period.
  - ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 0.7% (7,100) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.9% (7,300) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 4.5% (9,200)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.5% (4,700)
- Other Services at 6% (2,500)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -4.9% (-5,900)
- Financial Activities at -3% (-1,400)
- Information at -4.5% (-600)
- Manufacturing at -1.4% (-600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.2% (-400)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.3% (-200)
- Government at -0.1% (-200)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.7% for July 2023 down from 3.3% in July 2022.

July 2023 had 39,900 people in the labor force (38,900 employed & 1,100 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 3.5% (1,300) and the number of unemployed decreased by -15.4% (-200) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 2.6% (1,000).

The total labor force increased 2.0% (900) from June 2023 to July 2023. There was a 2.4% (900) increase in employed workers and the number of people reporting as unemployed remained unchanged.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for July 2023 is 3.0%, down - 0.4% from July 2022. The Hudson Valley tied with the Long Island region for the second lowest unemployment rate at 3.0% behind the Capital region (2.8%).
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.1% in July 2023 compared to 4.3% in July 2022.

- ✓ The July 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.5% for Saratoga and Yates Counties to a high of 7.2% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.7% rate ranked 5th in the State along with Ontario, Seneca, Warren, Washington and Wayne Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for June 2023:
  - # 5 Sullivan County at 2.7%
  - #12 Putnam County at 2.9%
  - #12 Rockland County at 2.9%
  - #21 Dutchess County at 3.0%
  - #26 Orange County at 3.1%
  - #26 Ulster County at 3.1%
  - #26 Westchester County at 3.1%

## 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            |                                 |                                   |                        |                       |
| 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                               |                                |                          |                            |

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| 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.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are now 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 July 2023 Monthly Report**

| Monthly Accomplishments   |
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| <p><b><u>OFA Director:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 New clients contacted the Office for the Aging for resources/assistance for the month of July.</li> <li>• Continued participation on Food Security Coalition.</li> <li>• Participation at Division tabling events, (Rainbow fest, Liberty Farmer’s Market).</li> <li>• Senior Needs Assessment Initiated- Surveys, marketing, all ongoing.</li> <li>• Bi-weekly case management conference meetings.</li> <li>• Met with Hospice to discuss strategies for increasing awareness and collaboration.</li> <li>• Presented at Bethel Lakeside Music to discuss OFA programs.</li> <li>• Conducted one on ones with each staff member.</li> <li>• Participation on Alzheimer’s PAC, additional meetings to continue successful collaboration.</li> <li>• E-MDT case collaboration.</li> <li>• Budget planning and completion.</li> </ul> |

- Guest at WJFF to discuss OFA programs.
- Met with new regional representative from Social Security to establish collaboration.
- Unite Us implementation ongoing.
- Onboarding of new CRC staff through contract with CCE.

**RSVP:**

- Over 1,000 Volunteer Hours Served by 129 volunteers during July across multiple stations (number likely much higher as stations continue to mail/email hours).
- Successful visit and continued correspondence with Rebecca McCormick, AmeriCorps Portfolio Manager for Northeast Division.
- Multiple community outreach events to spread awareness of RSVP and other services (Mamakating Town Hall, Federation for the Homeless, APS, United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs and more).
- Successful collaboration with RSVP Senior Advisory Council to prepare decorations and secure donations/sponsorships for annual RSVP Luncheon Event in September.

**Nutrition:**

|                                    | <b>Units:</b> | <b>Clients:</b> | <b>Contributions:</b>                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Homebound:</b>                  | 1,689         | 98              | \$1,288.40  |
| <b>Congregate served at home:</b>  | 802           | 42              |   |
| <b>Congregate served at sites:</b> | 255           | 37              | \$330.00 (collected at our 2 active congregated meal sites) |
| <b>Total:</b>                      | 2,746         | 177             | \$1,618.40  |

- Farmers Market Coupon Distribution- During the month of July, we have distributed over 700 coupons at community markets, tabling events and through our offices.
- We have met with several communities to increase Nutrition services to outlying areas.
- Hope Farm donated fresh picked lettuce that we distributed to all of our HB clients.
- Food Bank of the Hudson Valley has also provided us with fresh produce, eggs and a few staples for care packages.
- We have seen an increase in the participation of bi-monthly gatherings at the Sage Sessions in Narrowsburg. Our last meeting had over 30 participants. In the near future, with their help, we will be opening a nutrition site in Narrowsburg.

**Transportation:**

- 71 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 72 SCT Shopping Trips
- 73 RSVP Medical Trips
- 56 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

**HIICAP:**

- 32 Clients served

**NY Connects:**

- 31 Clients served
- The following facilities hosted NY Connects for outreach events:
  - Mamakating Library-Wurtsboro
  - Western Sullivan Public Library-Tusten, Cochection, Narrowsburg
  - Western Public Library-Delaware Free, Callicoon
  - Read It Again Bookstore

**PERS:**

- 22 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 July
- 1 Case file closed in July
- 6 Case files open without aides
- 0 Case file reassessed in July
- 6 Currently active on waitlist

**Sullivan County Youth Bureau:**

- Participated in the Healing Communities Study through Cornell.
- Participated in the PARFACT meeting.
- Participated in the Annual Budget Training.
- Met with the SC Chamber of Commerce as we are about to launch the 2023-2024 school year internship program.
- Bi-weekly spot on WJFF.
- Participated in United Sullivan meeting.
- Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed. Reached approximately 600 people.
- Consistent posts to the Youth Bureau's Facebook & Instagram pages reaching almost 2,000 people.
- Executed 36 Youth Bureau contracts for County and State monies.
- Participated in monthly co-hostess spot on Talk Sullivan Radio.
- Held the SC Youth Bureau Advisory Council meeting.
- Modified and accepted the new bylaws for the SC Youth Bureau Advisory Council.
- Site visit to Town of Bethel Swim Program.
- Site visit to Bethel Woods PLAY program.
- Site visit to Head Start's I am Moving, I am Learning program.
- Site visit to Center for Discovery's Dig It program.
- Participated in 1 on 1 with OFA Director.
- Completed and submitted 2024 Youth Bureau budget.
- Participated as a speaker at the Sullivan 180 youth internship program.
- Participated in the monthly OFA staff meeting.
- Attempted visit to Town of Thompson Recreation trip to Bronx Zoo.
- Participated in Cornell Cooperative Extension's Leadership Empowerment Workshop.
- Participated in on-going Safe School Ambassador discussion, and collected input from County youth.



- Attended the Unite Us Sullivan information session.
- Input of Youth Bureau's information into the Unite Us database.
- Reached out to Liberty Central School to see their interest in the Youth Internship Program.
- Submitted a letter of support for Holiday Mountain Ski area.
- Submitted a letter of support for Camp Koinonia.
- Completed and submitted OCFS 5008.

YB Internship Coordinator

- Annual budget training with County staff.
- Meeting with Jamie Schmeiser (Chamber) regarding Youth Internship Program.
- Radio presentation to WJFF regarding Youth Bureau/Youth Internship.
- Site visit to the Town of Thompson Swim Program.
- Attended Youth Ambassadors Meeting with Sullivan 180 and Orange County.
- Youth Advisory Board Meeting.
- Met with Angela/Audit to go over reallocation money and vouchering for it.
- Attended one on one with Lise-Anne.
- Site visit to Town of Bethel Swim Program.
- Site visit to Bethel Woods.
- Participated in YB budget meeting with Commissioner, Dept. Head and Manager.
- Site visit to the Town of Thompson Swim Program.
- Presentation at Sullivan 180 to their Youth Internship Program about the YB.
- Attended internal Budget process meeting.
- Attempted site visit with Town of Thompson Bronx Zoo trip.
- Attended Unite Us training.
- Site visit and tour of Harris campus at Center for Discovery's Dig It Program.
- Site visit and tour of Catskill Fly Fishing Museum and property.
- Meeting with Sullivan 180 staff to review results of Youth Internship presentation.
- Site visit 4H at Camp Koinonia. Concentration on dog safety.

**IN PROGRESS FOR NEXT MONTH**

For YB:

- 3-5-year plan.
- Internship documents finalized.
- Internship brochure finalized.
- Brainstorming 2024 Youth Summit.

For RSVP:

- RSVP Luncheon Program (digital and print) expected before August 28th

- RSVP Senior Advisory Council Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> 11-12pm
  - Outreach to be performed at Vet Fest on 8/5 and Bagel Fest on 8/13
- For OFA overall:
- Continued Outreach for all OFA programs in collaboration with NYConnects through local library visits.
  - Continued collaboration with RSVP Advisory Council in preparation of RSVP Luncheon on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Continue to work on planning on opening additional Congregate sites in conjunction with Sullivan County Transportation and Jail kitchen.
  - Continue Senior Farmer's Market Coupon distribution.
  - Continued participation in Long Term Supports Subcommittee of Master Plan on Aging- Statewide collaborative planning effort between OFA & DOH.
  - Submission of NY Connects application due 9/22/23.
  - Preparing for submission of 4-year plan in Fall, 2023.