

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

June 2024

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- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will begin July 8 and run through August 16. The increase in State funding will allow for an additional 10 youth to be employed bringing the total to 60.

The SYEP provides six weeks of paid work experience to economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14 and 20 years old. Planning for this summer is underway by the Center for Workforce Development (CWD). Applications for youth are available through May 31.

- ✓ The NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is providing local areas who have met and will continue to meet expenditure levels with additional funding. The request for the additional \$100,000 that Sullivan County is eligible for has been submitted. This is Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funding to be used for training and supportive services and expended by June 30, 2025.
- ✓ The County Legislature allocated funds to the CWD to support the cost of short-term training in high demand occupations.

This has allowed for the Automotive Trade class. This program runs April 9th through May 30th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 pm. There are 15 participants. This training offers various AES certifications upon completion. Resumes and interviewing sessions are being completed and businesses are scheduled to meet with the participants.

There is also an executed contract with HC Staffing, LLC and a Facilities Use Agreement with BOCES to provide Home Health Aide and Certified Nursing Assistance training. Once issues with the background screening company for healthcare, Simplr, are resolved a start date will be set.

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has a NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) grant through NYS DOL. This grant provides funding for a Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) who works to support and expand partnerships, collaborations,

service coordination and delivery across workforce, education and disability service systems. The DRC, Scott Curry, works with businesses and with individuals who are in receipt of SSI or SSDI and want to work. He holds monthly round tables with community service providers.

As of April 2024, there are 73 enrolled participants and 5 active Ticket to Work enrollees.

Scott has been named that State Ambassador for the NY SCION program.

- ✓ The CWD would like to apply for the Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant administered by the USDOL Employment and training Administration. The grant provides funding for career training and supportive services for “good jobs” in demand occupations. The application is due June 20, 2024. There is a resolution for approval to submit.
- ✓ NYSDOL applied for Round 3 of the Federal National Dislocated Worker Emergency grant to address the Opioid crisis. The CWD signed on to participate if NYS is awarded. This will provide funding for training services for individuals directly or indirectly impacted by the Opioid crisis. If the NYSDOL is successful. The CWD will receive \$30,000.
- ✓ Center Services:

The in-house Career Center hiring events for June:

- **June 13** from 11am until noon is an in-house Childcare Provider Hiring event.
 1. SC Childcare Council will provide information al sessions on becoming a childcare provider
 2. Gelsomino and Davis Speech, Occupational and physical therapy Services
 3. Boys and Girls Clubs
- **June 20** from 11am until noon
 1. Children’s Home of Wyoming
 2. JB Property Maintenance LLC
 3. Clean Sweep Sanitation Sept. LLC
 4. Rolling V Bus Corp
 5. Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility
- There were 7 in-house hiring events in March and April bringing together 16 businesses and 85 job seekers.

The CWD provided services to 27 new business customers and listed 164 jobs.

There were 613 participants that came to the Career Center for services.

Temporary Assistance caseload profile April 2024:

Total Caseload - 312

TANF/SNM – caseload 133

Medical issues – 6%

Disabled – 20%

Pregnant/Newborn – 1%

Needed in Home – 2%

No Child Care – 17%

Criminal Justice involved – 18%

Cases closed – 15

Safety Net – caseload – 179

Medical issues – 15%

Disabled – 32%

Needed in Home – 1%

Criminal Justice involved – 24%

Cases closed – 29

Labor Market Data for April 2024 compared to April 2023

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 3.7% (1,100) and an increase of 4.6% (1,100) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (March 2024 - April 2024) showed an increase of 2.0% (600) nonfarm jobs and an increase of 2.5% (600) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 9.0% (700)
 - Professional and Business Services at 9.5% (200)
 - Mining, Logging & Construction at 6.7% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed no job growth were:

- Leisure & Hospitality
- Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Information
- Other Services

- Government
- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.7% (168,600) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.6% (131,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.0% (111,400)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.5% (39,600)
- Government at 2.6% (37,100)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.6% (8,000)
- Other Services at 1.0% (4,000)
- Financial Activities at 0.4% (2,800)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -5.5% (-15,900)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.6% (-8,500)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.6% (-6,400)
- Manufacturing at -0.8% (-3,500)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 4.6 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+2.2%) followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+1.3%), followed by and Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+0.9%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.3% (12,000) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.2% (9,300) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.5% (9,800)
- Government at 1.8% (2,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 2.7% (2,400)
- Financial Activities at 2.0% (900)
- Other Services at 0.9% (400)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional and Business Services at -1.8% (-2,200)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.6% (-1,100)
- Manufacturing at -1.2% (-500)
- Information at -2.1% (-300)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.2% (-100)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.4% for April 2024 up from 2.7% in April 2023.

April 2024 had 38,300 people in the labor force (36,900 employed & 1,300 unemployed). The number of employed individuals remained flat and the number of unemployed increased by 30% (300) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 0.8% (300) compared to April 2023.

The total labor force increased by 0.5% (200) March 2024 to April 2024. The number of employed workers increased by 0.8% (300) and the number of unemployed workers decreased by -13.3% (-200).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for April 2024 was 3.3%, an increase from 2.5% in April 2023.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 3.9% in April 2024 compared to 3.6% in April 2023.
- ✓ The April 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.9% for Tompkins County to a high of 6.8% for Hamilton County. Sullivan County with a 3.4% rate ranked 12th in the State along with Chenango, Ontario, Tioga, Ulster and Westchester Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for April 2024:
 - # 5 Rockland County at 3.1%
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 - # 8 Dutchess County at 3.2%
 - #12 Westchester County at 3.4%
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 - #12 Sullivan County at 3.4%
 - #18 Orange County at 3.5%