

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report November 2023

Workforce Development

- ✓ The County Legislators approved and funded the Welding Trade Class for County residents. There are 11 participants, 10 of which are paid for by the County and one seat is paid for through the Center for Workforce Development (CWD). The class, held at BOCES, started October 10 and will run through December 21. The 10-week program meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 9 pm.
- ✓ NYS Department of Labor (DOL) issued guidance on reestablishing the Regional Business Services Teams that were in place prior to the pandemic. The guidance provided criteria and guidelines on representation and expected outcomes. This will be implemented before the end of the year.
- ✓ The CWD provided recruitment events on site at the Career Center for 7 businesses in September with 55 jobseekers attending the events.

November 2 Recruitment event from 11am - 3pm

- New Hope Community
- 1 Time Construction
- Valley Daycare

November 9 Recruitment event from 11am – 3pm

- Roscoe Rehab and Nursing Center
- Dynamic Youth Community
- SC Child Care Council – How to become a provider

November 14 Recruitment event from 11am – 13pm

- Center for Discovery
- SC Government

November 16 Recruitment event from 11am- 3pm

- Achieve Rehab and Nursing Center
- SUNY Sullivan

- ✓ 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 3 presentations have been completed and 4 are 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; Digital Literacy to all Career Centers; Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors.

- ✓ A meeting was held between CWD, Work Readiness Training and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to fulfill the need for businesses to train and retain staff. CWD has current materials that were put together for in-house and virtual training, and will look at licensing this material, modifying some of the information, working with the Chamber to sell these services for a fee, and train on these business services.

UPDATE: If a grant can't be figured out, CWD is going to put its own Financial Literacy training in place as the business need is in high demand. This also needs to become a requirement for participants collecting PA.

- ✓ 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. Liberty High School has requested that the program begin in February.

- ✓ Career Center data updates:

Social media:

- 849 followers; September 2023 had a reach of 19,197 people with 579 Facebook page views, an increase from August 2023.

Center Services:

- The CWD provided services to 42 business customers and listed 53 jobs in the month of September.
- The CWD assisted 592 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of September 2023.
- Welfare to Work caseload profile September 2023:
Total Caseload - 267
TANF – caseload 116
Medical issues – 9%
Disabled – 22%
Pregnant/Newborn – 2%
Needed in Home – 4%
No Child Care – 19%
Criminal Justice involved – 16%
Cases closed – 10

Safety Net – caseload – 151
Medical issues – 13%
Disabled – 43%
Needed in Home – 2%
Criminal Justice involved – 44%
Cases closed – 20

Labor Market Data for September 2023 compared to September 2022

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 5.5% (1,600) and an increase of 7.3% (1,700) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (August 2023 – September 2023) showed no increase in nonfarm jobs and a loss of -3.8% (-1,000) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 20% (800)
 - Mining, Logging and Construction at 14.3% (200)
 - Information at 100% (100)
 - Financial Activities at 11.1% (100)
 - Other Services at 9.1% (100)
 - Professional and Business Services at 5.3% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5% (100)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 2.1% (100)
 - Educational and Health Services at 1.4% (100)

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed a loss was:

- Government at -1.7% (-100)
- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.6% (156,400) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.5% (119,400) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.7% (120,300)
- Government at 2.6% (37,000)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.1% (36,700)
- Other Services at 1.7% (6,600)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.5% (6,000)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.3% (4,600)
- Financial Activities at 0.1% (600)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.9% (-28,100)
- Information at -8.2% (-24,300)
- Manufacturing at -0.7% (-3,000)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 7.3% percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+1.5%) followed by Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+1.2%) and the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+0.1%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 0.9% (8,200) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.2% (9,600) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.6% (11,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 6.8% (6,200)
- Other Services at 5.2% (2,100)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -4.4% (-5,300)
 - Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.3% (-2,300)
 - Government at -0.9% (-1,400)
 - Mining, Logging and Construction at -2.2% (-1,300)
 - Manufacturing at -1.4% (-600)
 - Information at -3.8% (-500)
 - Financial Activities at -0.9% (-400)
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- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.0% for September 2023 up from 2.8% in September 2022.

September 2023 had 39,400 people in the labor force (38,200 employed & 1,200 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 4.1% (1,500) and the number of unemployed increased by 9.1% (100) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 4.5% (1,700).

The total labor decreased from August 2023 to September. There was a loss of -1.3% (-500) in employed workers and a slight increase of 100 in the number of unemployed workers.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for September 2023 is 3.2%, an increase from 2.8% in September 2022.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.0% in September 2023 compared to 3.6% in September 2022.
- ✓ The September 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.6% for Saratoga and Yates Counties to a high of 6.5% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.0% rate ranked 18th in the State along with Albany,

Cayuga, Clinton, Hamilton, Madison, Otsego, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Tioga Counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for September 2023:
 - #18 Sullivan County at 3.0%
 - #18 Putnam County at 3.0%
 - #18 Rockland County at 3.0%
 - #29 Dutchess County at 3.1%
 - #32 Orange County at 3.2%
 - #32 Ulster County at 3.2%
 - #32 Westchester County at 3.2%

Transportation

✓ **County Transportation:**

Month 2023	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In-County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses
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	51	69	74	130
November				
December				
Totals				

Move Sullivan 2023	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	235 (21 days)	4,929	84
February	266 (19 days)	5,057	65
March	286 (22 days)	6,301	85
1st Quarter Totals		16,287	234
April	315 (20 days)	6,291	120
May	330 (22 days)	7,267	143
June	362 (22 days)	7,952	110
2nd Quarter Totals		21,510	373
July	416 (19 days)	7,901	163
August	450 (23 days)	10,358	198
September	416 (19 days)	7,895	164
3rd Quarter Totals		26,154	525
October			
November			

December			
4th Quarter Totals			
Annual Totals			

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 bi-monthly on Thursdays.
- ✓ 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 (OFA) September 2023 Monthly Report

Monthly Accomplishments	
<u>OFA Director:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirty-one (31) new clients contacted the Office for the Aging for resources/assistance for the month of September. • Continued participation on Food Security Coalition. • Continued participation on New York State Master Plan on Aging Levels of Care subcommittee. • Continued participation on Empowering Towards Independence Forum planning committee. • Farmer’s Market Coupon Distribution ongoing, 800 booklets distributed this season. • Senior Needs Assessment ongoing- Surveys, marketing, promotion visits. • E-MDT case collaboration. • Issuance of Intergenerational RFP. • Unite Us implementation ongoing. • RSVP 50th Anniversary recognition luncheon held at Villa Roma, over 100 guests in attendance. All OFA & Youth Bureau (YB) staff attended and assisted.

- Co-Hosted 2 “Reach out and Play” events, one in Narrowsburg at Sage Session and one in Hurleyville at HPAC.
- Resumption of 5 days a week shopping bus commenced September 11th.
- Participation in Sullivan County Workforce Monthly Roundtable.
- Outreach at Monticello Seniors & Mamakating Seniors.
- HIICAP- open enrollment starting October 15th.

RSVP:

- Over 700 Volunteer Hours Served during September across multiple stations (number likely higher as stations continue to mail/email hours)
- Successful volunteer acknowledgement event at Villa Roma in collaboration with OFA, Youth Bureau, and other social service agencies
- Successful transportations within and beyond Sullivan County by staff to assist with increasing need for transports and improve awareness of other OFA services (Speaking about Medicaid, EISEP, HIICAP counseling, and more during a transport)

Nutrition:

	Units:	Clients:	Contributions:
Homebound:	1,734	100	\$1,611.00
Congregate served at home:	695	43	
Congregate served at sites:	144	39	\$275.00 (collected at our 2 active congregated meal sites)
Total:	2,573	182	\$1,886.00

- Full Time Nutrition staff continues to fill vacancies due to vacations/sick time, staff shortages.
- Continuing to work closely with Transportation Dept. to work on re-opening additional congregated sites.

Transportation:

- 74 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 130 SCT Shopping Trips
- 40 RSVP Medical Trips
- 7 OFA Staff provided Medical Trips
- 29 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

HIICAP:

- 25 Clients served
- HIICAP presentation at Loch Sheldrake Seniors

NY Connects:

- 39 Clients served.
- OFA/NY Connects presentation at Mamakating Seniors
- NY Connects annual application submission on 9/22/23

PERS:

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

EISEP:

- 20 Case Files open for full EISEP-type services including PCA
- 1 New case file open in September
- 2 Case files closed in September
- 7 Case files open without aides
- 0 Case file reassessed in September
- 15 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 (YB):

- Participated in the MLK Day of Service planning committee meeting.
- Visited the Tusten and DFC/YARD in Wurtsboro, for application technical support and program monitoring.
- 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.
- Met with St. John Street school and finalized plans for Internship program beginning in October.
- Participated in the Healing Communities Study through Cornell.
- Participation on United Sullivan meetings.
- Continued participation in the PARFACT meeting.
- Attended Youth leadership Day at Bethel Woods. Over 450 students attended from all SC districts, 3 in Orange County and 1 in Ulster County.
- Press release and website updates for updated YB information.
- YB Board meeting held 9/12.

IN PROGRESS FOR NEXT MONTH

- Continuing outreach efforts, Public Hearing/Senior Resource Day scheduled for October 25th.
- 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 & 19th.
- Continued RSVP site additions ongoing.
- Redesign of brochures and informational materials for several programs. Working to create materials in alternative languages.