

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

August 2023

Workforce Development

- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is underway. There are 47 youth between the ages of 14-20 engaged in six weeks of paid work experience at 12 sites around the County. The program will run through August 18th when the annual picnic/awards will be held.
- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) is conducting research and speaking with SC BOCES to determine the next Trade program(s) to start in the fall.
- ✓ 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. There was a resolution for July that will allow for contracts with local providers for the required services.
- ✓ **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 12th from 8:30 am until 1 pm at the Kartrite Grand Ballroom.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; roll outs for Virtual Career Centers, Virtual Reality Training & Solutions, Youth Build Academy, Digital Literacy to all Career Centers, Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors, and a Teacher Ambassador Program. Trainings and updates continue for CWD staff.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
 - Social media:
 - 767 followers; June 2023 had a reach of 12,386 people with 512 Facebook page views (13.5% increase from April);
 - Center Services:
 - A catalogue of services is being developed that will be accessible through multiple formats.
 - Career Center recruitment events:
Sullivan Orange ARC, August 22, 11am – 3pm.

- Center for Discovery, August 29, 11am – 3pm.
- The CWD provided services to 36 business customers and listed 124 jobs in the month of June.
- The CWD assisted 466 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of June 2023.
- Welfare to Work caseload profile June 2023:
 - Total Caseload - 253
 - TANF – caseload 103
 - Medical issues – 14%
 - Disabled – 15%
 - Pregnant/Newborn – 3%
 - Needed in Home – 7%
 - No Child Care – 20%
 - Criminal Justice involved – 33%
 - Cases closed – 17%

- Safety Net – caseload – 150
- Medical issues – 18%
- Disabled – 37%
- Needed in Home – 2%
- Criminal Justice involved – 63%
- Cases closed – 25%

Labor Market Data for June 2023 compared to June 2022

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 1.7% (500) and an increase of 2.5% (600) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (May 2023 – June 2023) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 5.5% (1,600) and an increase of 6.4% (1,500) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 9.5% (400)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 6.5% (300)
 - Financial Activities at 11.1% (100)
 - Professional and Business Services at 5.3% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Education and Health Services at -3.9% (-300)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -5.9% (-100)
- Government at -1.7% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Other Services

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.3% (220,000) in total nonfarm jobs and 2.3% (190,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.1% (106,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 6.4% (58,400)
- Government at 2.1% (29,800)
- Professional & Business Services at 1.6% (22,600)
- Other Services at 3.7% (14,400)
- Financial Activities at 1% (7,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.7% (6,700)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.9% (-14,100)
- Information at -3.9% (-11,800)
- Manufacturing at -0.1% (-400)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 2.5 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+2.1 percent), followed by the Kingston MSA (+0.4 percent). The Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division declined by 0.6 percent over the period.
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.7% (16,600) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.6% (13,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 10.5% (10,200)
- Education and Health Services at 3.5% (7,300)
- Government at 2.2% (3,400)
- Other Services at 3.8% (1,600)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 0.5% (300)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -3.2% (-3,800)
- Information at -6.7% (-900)
- Financial Activities at -1.3% (-600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.3% (-500)
- Manufacturing at -0.9% (-400)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.7% for June 2023 down from 3.0% in June 2022.

June 2023 had 39,000 people in the labor force (37,900 employed & 1,100 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 1.1% (400) and the number of unemployed

decreased by -8.3% (-100) leaving the labor force with a net gain of .8% (300).

The total labor force increased 4.6% (1,700) from May 2023 to June 2023. There was a 4.4% (1,600) increase in employed workers and a 10% (100) increase in people reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley’s unemployment rate for June 2023 is 3.0%, down 0.1% from June 2022. The Hudson Valley has the third lowest unemployment rate at 3.0% behind the Capital region (2.8%) and the Long Island region (2.9%).
- ✓ NYS’s unemployment rate was 4.3% in June 2023 compared to 4.1% in June 2022.
- ✓ The June 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.1% for Saratoga County to a high of 7.6% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.7% rate ranked 5th in the State along with Washington County.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for June 2023:
 - #5 Sullivan County at 2.7%
 - #7 Rockland County at 2.8%
 - #15 Putnam County at 2.9%
 - #19 Westchester County at 3.0%
 - #19 Dutchess County at 3.0%
 - #19 Orange County at 3.0%
 - #28 Ulster County at 3.1%

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 | | | | |
| August | | | | |
| September | | | | |
| 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 | 109 |
| May | 330 (22 days) | 7,267 | 119 |
| June | N/A | N/A | 140 |
| 2nd Quarter Totals | | | 368 |
| July | | | |
| August | | | |
| September | | | |
| 3rd Quarter Totals | | | |
| October | | | |
| November | | | |
| December | | | |
| 4th Quarter Totals | | | |
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| Annual Totals | | | |

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The CAC distributed masks received from the State in light of the Canadian wildfire smoke.
- ✓ 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 Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are continue twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.
- ✓ 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) June 2023 Monthly Report

Monthly Accomplishments

OFA Director:

- Continued participation on Food Security Coalition.
- Participation at Division tabling events.
- Senior Needs Assessment was awarded to Pattern for Progress, preliminary discussions underway.
- ICMA Leadership training completed.
- Bi-weekly case management conference meetings.
- Aging Concerns Unite Us (ACUU) Statewide Conference attended by several OFA staff June 26-28. Strong focus on planning efforts for upcoming 4year plan.
- Attended Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) meetings for at risk clients.
- Participated in interviews for new Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Coordinator with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Collaboration with RSVP Advisory Council in preparation of RSVP 50th Recognition Luncheon on September 20th, all staff to attend and assist with event.
- Continue to work on planning on opening additional Congregate sites in conjunction with Sullivan County Transportation and Jail kitchen.
- 800 booklets received for Senior Farmer's Market Coupon distribution.
- Continued participation in Long Term Supports Subcommittee of Master Plan on Aging- Statewide collaborative planning effort between OFA & Department of Health (DOH).
- Conducting interviews for EISEP Case Management vacancy.
- Participated in various interviews and publicity surrounding Elder Abuse Awareness month and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- Co-hosted Alzheimer's Research Forum at Cornell Cooperative Extension, hybrid event to bring awareness of newest research advances and information.
- Participated in Digital Equity focus group hosted by ATI.
- Participating in planning committee for Empowering Towards Independence event.
- Submitted Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) to New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)

RSVP:

- Over 300 Volunteer hours provided during June across multiple stations (number likely much higher as stations continue to mail/email hours).
- Attended ACUU conference to meet with aging professionals across NYS and receive feedback on better serving the elderly community.
- Multiple community outreach events to spread awareness of RSVP and other services (Monticello Book Store, Liberty Library, Juneteenth Event, Multiple locations with NYConnects)
- Continue to establish rapport between site managers and volunteers by visiting and learning about the sites in addition to further needs in the community.

Nutrition:

- Full time staff continue to cover part-time staff vacancies and vacations.
- NYSNAP had a 4-week series at the Livingston Manor nutrition site for the congregate meal attendees. They discussed better usage of SNAP benefits and purchasing food products. Hand-outs and herbal gardens were given to all participants.
- The Tusten Social (Sage Group) have been meeting bi-monthly in Narrowsburg to promote socialization and intergenerational activities. Discussion to open a Nutrition site in Narrowsburg.
- Once again, the Liberty Rotary Club presented us with gifts for the recipients of our Home Delivered Meals program for Father’s Day. They have been very generous and supportive through a grant they received.
- Nutrition tabled at the Public Health, Health Fair on 6/4/23 @ Hanofee park in Liberty.

| | Units: | Clients: | Contributions: |
|---|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Homebound: homebound <u>and</u> congregate served at their homes) | 1898 | 92 | \$1,573.00 (collected from |
| Congregate served at home: | 1186 | 50 | |
| Congregate served at sites: our 2 active congregate meal sites) | 47 | 25 | \$390.00 (collected at |
| Total: | 3131 | 167 | \$1,963.00 |

Transportation:

- 92 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 97 SCT Shopping Trips
- 55 RSVP Medical Trips
- 58 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

- 22 Clients currently receive a PERS unit through the OFA.

HIICAP:

- 49 Clients served
- Continued outreach regarding Medicare & Medicaid scams and education about covered wellness benefits.

NY Connects:

- 45 Clients served
- Library Outreach continuing:
 - 6/1 Fallsburg Library
 - 6/5 Liberty Library
 - 6/14 Read it Again Bookstore
 - 6/16 Eldred Library
 - 6/21 Western Sullivan Library, Jeffersonville
- January 1st, 2023 through June 30, 2023 OFA has registered 77 new seniors.

- Where did they hear about OFA from?
 - Friends
 - NY Connects postcard mailing
 - Google search
 - Social Media
 - Workforce Development
 - Department of Family Services (DFS)
 - Real Tax Office
 - Govt Center Directory
 - Public Health Services Social Work
 - Insurance Companies
 - Garnet Hospital
 - SAGE
 - DOH
 - Risk Management
 - Orange County OFA

EISEP:

- 21 case files open for full EISEP-type services including Personal Care Aide (PCA)
- 0 new case file open in June 2023
- 0 case file closed in June 2023
- 6 case files open without aides as of 6/30/2023
- 0 case file reassessed in June 2023
- 6 currently active on waitlist

Sullivan County Youth Bureau:

- Participated in United Sullivan meeting.
- Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed, reaching around 600 people.
- Consistent posts to the Youth Bureau's Facebook & Instagram pages. Reached almost 3,000 people.
- Processed 37 Youth Bureau funding applications. Funded through County of Sullivan, Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Funded \$116,768.43 in County funds, \$20,318.99 in OCFS Sports funds & \$54,737.00 in OCFS Youth Development programs.
- Began putting all contracts together for the above awardees.
- Participated in on-going Safe School Ambassador discussion.
- Participated in on-going County wide leadership training.
- Attended the Juneteenth Celebration.
- Attended the Unite Us Sullivan information session.
- Attended bi-weekly PARFACT Committee meetings
Youth Bureau Internship
- New Youth Internship Brochure under development.
- Youth Internship letter of introduction created.
- Letter to parents congratulating their students for acceptance into program created.
- Letters of agreement created for Youth Internship Program.
- Samples for functional resumes created
- Attended Making Healthful Decisions meeting

- Meeting with Sullivan 180 to go over Youth Board/Internship members

IN PROGRESS FOR NEXT MONTH

- Single page list of all active volunteer sites accepting volunteers to share with prospective volunteers.
- Continued collaboration for RSVP Luncheon - Save the Dates/Invites to be sent immediately to all active volunteers.
- Pending visit by Rebecca McCormick, CNCS – AmeriCorps Seniors Regional Representative on Friday, July 28th
- Complete brochure and application for Youth Internship Program
- Contract executions for Youth Bureau funding
- Site visits continuing - summer programming
- Meeting with Jaime Schmeiser concerning Youth Internship Program
- Budget training & preparation
- Continuing Library Outreach Program