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## Special points of interest:

- Labor market information for region
- Services available to various groups
- Events at your local One Stop center

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## Executive Director's Message

**“The Best Way to Get a Better Job is to Have a Job!!”**

This is advice that I was given many years ago by a very smart and successful person. There are more than 700 Chautauqua County open jobs posted on the Job Bank through our website. If you are a job seeker and haven't found the “perfect” job, take a chance on a job that may not seem to be perfect. A job is an opportunity to build your network, learn new skills, and explore different careers. This opportunity can lead to new opportunities including what you hope to be the “perfect”

job. Don't miss your next opportunity because you perceive a job as “not for you”. You never know until you actually try something whether it is right for you. I challenge every job seeker to take a chance and put the advice I was given so long ago to the test and see if the best way to get a better job is to have a job! Please visit our website: [www.chautauquaworks.com](http://www.chautauquaworks.com) or visit either of our locations: 407 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, NY, 4 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jamestown, NY to find your opportunity – your next job!



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## Career Specialists ~ Helping You Reach Your Goals

Chances are if you have been to an “American Job Center” (aka “One Stop”) anywhere in the United States, you will have been helped at least once by a Career Specialist to remove a barrier to getting a job. If it is standing in your way, our job is to help you to work around it so that nothing prevents you from

taking your next step to achieving your goals. As you can imagine, Career Specialists help with anything that helps you to positively promote your skills, experience, and education to your next employer including: creating resumes and cover letters, overcoming interview jitters, searching for jobs, completing applications, and sending your

resume via email. We facilitate workshops at Chautauqua Works to small groups on these same topics. If you need a certificate or diploma to qualify for a job, we may be able to help with that too. So when you are at Chautauqua Works and feel “stuck”, ask for help and one of us will help turn that stumbling block into a steppingstone.

## Jamestown Office Happenings

On Tuesday, December 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the New York State Department of Labor and Chautauqua Works co-sponsored a mini Job Fair held at the Jamestown office. One hundred twelve (112) job seekers along with eight (8) employers attended this event. We know that several job seekers interviewed thus far.

Double Tree Jamestown is

still accepting applications for full and part-time positions. They are running a little bit behind schedule but hope to be opening this spring so you may submit your application to Chautauqua Works. Applications are available at Chautauqua Works. Job seekers must be registered with us to apply.

The next mini job fair to be held in Jamestown will be on February 26, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The job fairs are a good opportunity for potential employees and employers to meet face-to-face, and learn more about each other. "Competition for jobs can be a challenge so it is important for the job seeker to take advantage of these mini job fairs to meet with employers who are hiring," stated Heather Waygood, supervising Labor Service Representative.

***"Professional in approach to help you find a job, friendly, courteous people who want you to succeed!"***

Jobseeker Quote on Facebook

## CARTS: Public Transportation

Jennifer Blair is the mobility manager for Chautauqua County. You may be asking yourself, "What is mobility management?"

Mobility management is a new approach to the managing of transportation resources that are available to county residents. Jennifer's role is to help people solve their transportation issues

by showing them how they can access public transit.

She provides training specifically on how to ride the CARTS bus, help people learn about the bus and how to read a schedule. Jennifer provides education to agencies, groups or individuals in need of this service at no charge. Ms. Blair can assist you with trips to work,

shopping, medical appointments, school, or other locations within Chautauqua County. Ms. Blair conducts monthly workshops on public transportation at the American Job center. The next workshop is on February 14, 1-3 p.m. She can be reached at the CARTS office at **716.665.6466**.



## Is ACCES-VR for you?

ACCES-VR is part of the New York State Education Department. ACCES-VR administers vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs. ACCES-VR provides services to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment. Vocational Rehabilitation agencies help people with disabilities prepare for and obtain a job. Programs are operated by state agencies, and are designed to help people with

disabilities meet their career goals. The person with the disability needs to apply for services, meet the eligibility requirements, and must work with a qualified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) employed by ACCES-VR to determine the individual's eligibility. The more information a person has to verify a physical or mental impairment, and describes how that impair-

ment affects their ability to work, the faster the process will go. What are the eligibility requirements? You must have a physical or mental impairment; the impairment is an impediment to employment; and the person can benefit from or the person requires VR services to achieve employment; For more information: **1.800.222.JOBS** (5627) or [www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/](http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/)

## Dunkirk Office Happenings

On Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, New York State Department of Labor in partnership with Chautauqua Works conducted a job fair in Dunkirk at the American Job center. Even with several inches of snow falling and white out conditions, 40 eager job seekers attended with hopes of taking a big step toward a new career. Nestle Purina, Stericycle, Advanced Auto, Aspire of WNY, NYS Office for Peo-

ple with Developmental Disabilities and Adecco sent representatives excited to meet prospective employees.

Many of the job seekers filled out applications onsite and a few were scheduled for follow up interviews. Another successful event at the Dunkirk Career Center.

The next job fair in Dunkirk will be held on March 29.

Details will be announced at the center and on Facebook. One way to keep in touch with what is happening at your center is to like us on Facebook.

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## Mission: New York State Commission for the Blind

The New York State Commission for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation program serves individuals who are legally blind with employment potential.

Under this program, transitional-aged students are offered work experience training and college preparation programs during the summer months. All programs are designed to

prepare the student for future employment. A wide-range of rehab services are offered, including: Low Vision Services, Orientation and Mobility Training, Social Casework, Vision Rehabilitation Therapy, and assistive technology. All services are to maximize the residual vision and to increase an individual's independence. Many of these services are offered to adults who are congenitally

blind or have lost their vision due to illness, accident, or injury. NYS CB will assist individuals in obtaining the education and training they need to pursue their job goal, as well as placement services and employer hiring incentives.

For more information: Commission for the Blind, 295 Main Street, #545, Buffalo, New York 14203; Phone: **716.847.3516.**

***“They are awesome very helpful kind and genuine!!!!”***

**Jobseeker Quote on Facebook**

## From the desk of the Self-Sufficiency Center

The Self-Sufficiency Center division of Career Systems Development Corp. works with the Workforce Investment Board and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide specific services to public assistance recipients throughout Chautauqua County. A public assistance recipient receives both cash and SNAP (also known as food stamps) benefits. Only individuals approved for and receiving these benefits are eligible for

services with the CSD Self-Sufficiency Center and must be referred directly by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Public assistance recipients are referred to the CSD Self-Sufficiency Center by the Department of Health and Human Services in both Jamestown and Dunkirk for a variety of different offerings, some of which include job readiness classes, assisted job search, and funded

training opportunities, subsidized employment opportunities, work placement, SSI and/or SSDI application assistance, and rehabilitation program referral assistance. Through these services, the CSD Self-Sufficiency Center aims to exit as many public assistance recipient referrals to alternative income as possible and return these individuals to independence and self-sufficiency!

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Interested in getting a job in western NY? Chautauqua Works can help. Interested in career counseling, career exploration, or work readiness training such as resume writing, interviewing, or basic computer skills? Chautauqua Works can help.

Interested in economic development, recruiting, hiring, or other business services? Chautauqua Works can help.

Interested in youth services such as youth employment or work readiness training? Chautauqua Works can help!

Chautauqua Works operates two American Job Centers within Chautauqua County providing a network of comprehensive services and provide labor market information for employers, workers and job seekers. American Job Center staff assist individuals in assessing their skills to find their best path forward. A central posting of jobs and other resources are available at each center and may include providing access to qualified service providers, locating financial aid for training and college, or identify appropriate social service agencies for enrolled participants.

## New York State Labor Market Information

In December 2018, the number of private sector jobs in New York State grew by 11,600, or 0.1%, to 8,243,700, a new, all-time high, according to preliminary figures released by the New York State Department of Labor. Since the beginning of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's administration, New York State's economy has added 1,149,600 private sector jobs and experienced employment growth in 83 of the past 96 months. The statewide unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.9% in December 2018, remaining at its lowest level on record (current records date back to 1976). In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers fell in December from 379,400 to 378,500, its lowest level

since August 1988. At the same time, New York's labor force grew by 24,400 to 9,781,500, a new high for the state. The State's private sector job count is based on a payroll survey of 18,000 New York employers conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Monthly payroll employment estimates are preliminary and subject to revision as more data become available the following month. The federal government calculates New York State's unemployment rate based partly upon the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in

NYS each month. "New York State's labor market continued to expand in December 2018 as it reached a new, all-time high private sector job count, while the statewide unemployment rate remained at its lowest level on record and the labor force reached a new high for the state as well," said Bohdan M. Wynnyk, Director of the New York State Department of Labor's Division of Research and Statistics. The unemployment rate for Chautauqua County at this time was **4.2%**.  
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pressreleases/pruistat.shtm](https://labor.ny.gov/stats/pressreleases/pruistat.shtm)

