

What is PA CareerLink® Berks County?

PA CareerLink® is the brand name for Pennsylvania's One-Stop workforce development system. PA CareerLink® Berks County was established in 1999 and operates today under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. We are also part of the American Job Center Network, as branded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

CareerLink® Berks County provides high-quality, value-added services to our customers, employers and jobseekers. Our mission is to meet our customers' needs, exceed their expectations and achieve organizational outcomes as set for us by funding sources, the Berks County Workforce Development Board and defined by our own measures of success.

JOB SEEKERS

Independent Career Services: This includes our Resource Room and many on-line resources that anyone can access without staff assistance.

Expanded Career Services: These are the workshops and information sessions we offer to the public. You can find them on our Events calendar.

Comprehensive Career Services: Here you will work more in depth with a staff member to develop your employment plan and outline your path to your next job. Sometimes a plan includes training through an Individual Training Account (ITA) or On-the-Job Training (OJT).

PA CareerLink®: The state's free job search website can be used to create a resume and search for jobs.

EMPLOYERS

Large Scale Job Fairs: Held in spring and fall, our low-cost job fairs attract 90+ employers and hundreds of job seekers.

On-Site Recruitments: Employers utilize CareerLink space to host recruitment events to interview and hire on-the-spot. Staff assists with outreach and promotion.

On-The-Job-Training (OJT): Businesses are reimbursed at least 50% of a new hire's wages to help offset training costs.

Veterans: Employers can receive assistance identifying qualified veterans and can also receive guidance on training funds and tax credits.

Incumbent Worker Training: Companies can utilize this funding to upskill their existing workforce.

ACT Workforce Solutions: These assessments measure key workplace skills that can affect job performance. ACT WorkKeys® assessments can be used to pinpoint benchmarks for hiring and recruiting.

YOUNG ADULTS

High School Equivalency/GED: Offered free of charge to young adults. Completion of a two-week orientation and probation period in class are required before enrollment. Average length of time to complete is 2-4 months. **

Career Services Program: Young adults who have graduated high school or college can receive career and education guidance and participate in Paid Work Experience (PWE). Participants work for 6-12 weeks at a variety of worksites making \$8-10 an hour. It is structured as a paid internship. **

Summer Employment: Offered to 16-24-year-olds with a focus on high school students within Berks County. Includes six weeks of summer work for \$8.50 an hour.

*** Participants must be 17-24 years old.*

The best way for job seekers and young adults to get started at PA CareerLink® Berks County is to attend a Welcome Orientation. Attending Welcome Orientation is mandatory to pursue further CareerLink® services. Welcome Orientation is held every Tuesday at 9:30 am and every Wednesday at 1:30 pm. No appointment is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome!





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