Red Rock Job Corps Center is the training site for a number of Northern Tier Workforce Development Area students who are working on their education and training to obtain careers that will last them a lifetime.

Students from Troy, Trout Run, Athens, Blossburg, and Wellsboro recently enrolled in the federally-funded vocational-technical program in Lopez, PA (Sullivan County) to enhance their lives.

In 2018, Red Rock celebrates its 40th year of helping young adults become successful through education and training. Eligible individuals ages 16 through 24 may take one of seven career technical training programs, including Auto Technology, Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing, Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing, Hotel and Hospitality, and Office Administration. Additionally, students from any Job Corps Center who successfully complete a vocation may apply to attend the Human Service Worker advanced training program at Red Rock.

Auto Technology student Nikolas Braster of Troy heard about Job Corps from a friend. "He told me about Job Corps and after giving it some thought, I signed up online." It didn’t take Nikolas long to acclimate to Center life, and he frequently returns home for weekends to be with his family and friends.

Right now, Nikolas is working on his auto tech courses, and will attend the Penn Foster High School online program when he is finished. "I like it here and I’m happy to be doing something for myself." Nikolas said he is thinking about joining the military when he is finished with the program.

Logan Peck came to Red Rock from Athens. He is also an Auto Technology student. He said he has always liked working on cars and is happy to learn more about the industry so he can get a great job when he’s finished. Logan has also been doing well in Red Rock’s GED program. "I would like to someday enlist in the Air Force or the Marines. I know that Red Rock always has recruiters coming and I can take the ASVAB [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery] test, too."

Trout Run resident Michael Reynolds was not doing much when he found out about the Job Corps program from an adult mentor. He was heading down a wrong road early in life and was eager to turn it around. While at Red Rock, Michael has been enrolled in the GED and Electrical programs. "I’m glad that I’ve been able to make the changes I needed." Michael is interested in obtaining an apprenticeship in the electrical field when he completes his Red Rock training.
Northern Tier Receives Funding for State/Local Internship Program

NTRPDC and the Northern Tier Workforce Development Board, along with providers Bradford County Action, Inc., and Trehab, Inc., applied for and received state funding to employ 24 interns this summer at agencies throughout the Northern Tier region.

The PA Department of Labor and Industry notified local Workforce Development Boards earlier this year that Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Set-Aside Funding would be available to support summer internship programming. The 2018 State/Local Internship Program (SLIP) funds eight-week public sector summer internships (anytime between June 4 and August 31, 2018) for young adults between the ages of 16 and 24. The project aims to increase the total number of young adults served statewide via paid work experience activities.

Northern Tier interns will be placed at both for-profit and non-profit agencies throughout Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming counties. Bradford County Action, Inc., and Trehab, Inc., contacted agencies to participate in the project who had need of an intern for the summer. The response was excellent and many were eager to accommodate interns.

Interns will be placed based on their skills and abilities and the needs of each of the participating agencies. There are no eligibility requirements for interns other than age. The program will incorporate workforce preparation training sessions including soft skills training, resume building, and others.

For more information on internships or if your business would like to connect with schools through BEP, please contact Jody McCarty: mccarty@northerntier.org

NTRPDC Connects Local Youth with Local Employers and Career Paths

NTRPDC hosted another successful Career Day at Towanda Area High School on March 15, 2018. Approximately 700 area students from Bradford and Sullivan counties attended the event. Students met with more than 30 employers to learn about local occupations and career pathways. Students also learned about Registered Apprenticeship and services available at PA CareerLink®.

The Towanda Career Day and many others around the region were made possible by a PA Department of Labor and Industry grant that funds NTRPDC’s Business–Education Partnership (BEP) program. The BEP includes career coaches who work in 16 schools in the Northern Tier. Career coaches work with school counselors to bring increased career exploration and education opportunities to our youth. They work to connect local businesses to our school students so that students are aware of regional occupations available to them.

Career fairs were held at Troy Area High School, North Penn Liberty/Mansfield, and Wellsboro High School. A career fair is planned at Montrose High School, and Sullivan County High School had a College Readiness Fair on April 16. Sayre High School is hosting Career Panels this spring. In addition, NTRPDC is partnering with Leadership Wyoming to bring a career fair to Tunkhannock High School on May 30. These events are just a small sample of the career education that the program brings to local schools. Students are also exposed to employer presentations within their schools, mock interviews, field trips, and other career-related experiences.
The Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC) is partnering with Penn State Wilkes-Barre to offer a pilot program in Information Technology for high school students in Bradford and Sullivan counties. The program is expected to launch in Fall 2018. Students will be simultaneously enrolled in a two-year Pennsylvania Department of Education-approved program of study in Information Technology (IT) at NTCC and a 13-credit Information Sciences and Technology Certificate Program through Penn State Wilkes-Barre. In addition to the Penn State certificate, students will have the benefit of earning the 13 credits, which can be applied toward the pursuit of an Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree.

This partnership was formed in response to the needs of the community and industry in the high-demand IT field, and to maximize students’ opportunities to earn industry credentials and post secondary educational credits while in high school. The IT program is ideal for students who wish to pursue career pathways such as technical support provider, systems programmer, cyber security specialist, webmaster, network administrator, or telecommunications specialist.

This first-of-its kind joint effort between NTCC and its eight sending school districts and Penn State Wilkes-Barre reflects a cost sharing model between the entities that will make these credits available to students at the significantly reduced rate of only $100 per credit.

Individuals who have been instrumental in orchestrating this collaborative effort for the benefit of students include Penn State Wilkes-Barre staff Donna Yale, Continuing Education Associate–Towanda Campus (pictured left), and Jane Ashton, Director of Continuing Education. From NTCC Gary Martell, Director (pictured), and Jennifer Farley, Administrator of Educational Services, have led the effort with the support of the superintendents of the participating school districts.

Fit4Work Success Story: David

Tioga County Trehab completed another successful Fit4Work class at the Tioga County PA CareerLink®. The program serves unemployed individuals with major barriers to employment, particularly those preparing to re-enter the workforce after criminal charges.

One Fit4Work student, David, had recently been released from state prison. The 24-year-old was referred to the program by his state parole officer. Prior to Fit4Work graduation, David was referred to the Tioga County Trehab Young Adult WIOA Career Advisor to discuss his next steps in getting back into the workforce. Workshops guided David in developing a resume and cover letter, networking, and rebuilding his relationship with the community. Through this effort he was given an opportunity to work in a local foundry where he had been employed years ago. He had a lot to prove to the employer due to the nature of his termination. The Tioga County Trehab Career Advisor met with the company’s manager and vice president of human resources and was able to get David into a full-time, union position under an on-the-job training (OJT) contract, providing a sustainable wage.

All individuals involved are eager to support David, who is very thankful for the opportunity and shows his appreciation through his work ethic. Trehab’s supervisor recently checked in on his progress and the company’s vice president stated that he “wished he had 10 more of him.” Trehab continues to make connections in the community to open opportunities for participants such as David.
SCCTC Offers Wide Range of Career-Focused Training

Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry Course
The Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC) is proudly offering a dual enrollment course—PNG 105 – Introduction to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry—to nine career center students. The students are from various program areas at the career center and were selected for this program. The School of Petroleum and Natural Gas at Lackawanna College is teaching the 15-week course onsite at the SCCTC. Funding for the program fees, materials, and all other costs associated with this program has been provided by Cabot Oil & Gas. Following successful completion, the students will receive three college credits.

This is the second year this program has been offered. Last year’s participants had all positive feedback, and four have enrolled at Lackawanna College to continue their petroleum and natural gas education at the post-secondary level.

Cabot Oil and Gas will be actively involved in the instructional process. They have planned a field trip to a gas rig site and they will also do classroom presentations. Dr. Alice M. Davis, SCCTC Executive Director, said, “The support we have received from Cabot Oil and Gas over the years is immeasurable. They have supported our students and our programs annually with financial contributions, equipment, and instructional support, as well as serving on our Director’s Advisory Board and Occupational Advisory Committees. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done to advance career and technology education.”

Licensed Practical Nurse and Certified Nurse’s Aide Training
Commencement exercises were held for the SCTCC’s Practical Nursing students on September 8, 2017— the seventh graduating class since the practical nursing program’s inception in 2013. The next Practical Nursing graduation will be held June 29, 2018, and the following class will begin July 9, 2018. The SCCTC is still accepting applications for the July class, but the class size is limited, so early enrollment is recommended. Prospective students may contact the Financial Aid Office at 570-278-9229, extension 6671, to discuss financing options and scholarship opportunities.

The SCCTC is in the process of recertifying its Nurse’s Aide Program, which is an option for individuals who are interested in the healthcare industry but cannot invest in a year of schooling to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The program is a 116-hour course that qualifies participants to sit for the certified Nurse’s Aide exam. In just a few weeks you can begin your career in the healthcare industry.

Welding Course
The SCCTC also offers adult welding classes on a regular basis. The 40-hour course can significantly enhance a resume in many areas of the workforce, including the gas industry.

For more information on training offered at the SCCTC, please call 570-278-9929.
Success Story: Addison B.

In Fall 2017, Addison B. enrolled in the Out of School Young Adult Program at Bradford County Action, Inc. in October 2017. She graduated from Athens High School in 2016 and struggled with finding employment. It wasn’t easy for a young, single mother with only a high school education and limited employability skills to provide for herself and her child. She worked two part-time jobs, but was seeking a long-term career path that interested her. After meeting with her WIOA case manager and discussing career options, she decided to pursue training in the medical field. She excitedly entered an interesting, stable career that would help her provide for herself and her son. Jamie completed an Individual Training Account (ITA) application and started classes at Lackawanna College in the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant program in February 2018. She continues to work part-time to support her family, and aspires to become an RN. Jamie loves to work with people and feels she has chosen the best first step for her toward a successful career path.

Success Story: Jamie LaRew

Jamie LaRew enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Out-of-School Young Adult Program at Bradford County Action, Inc. in October 2017. She graduated from Athens High School in 2016 and struggled with finding employment. It wasn’t easy for a young, single mother with only a high school education and limited employability skills to provide for herself and her child. She worked two part-time jobs, but was seeking a long-term career path that interested her. After meeting with her WIOA case manager and discussing career options, she decided to pursue training in the medical field. She excitedly entered an interesting, stable career that would help her provide for herself and her son. Jamie completed an Individual Training Account (ITA) application and started classes at Lackawanna College in the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant program in February 2018. She continues to work part-time to support her family, and aspires to become an RN. Jamie loves to work with people and feels she has chosen the best first step for her toward a successful career path.

A young adult client of Tioga County Trehab successfully completed a Paid Work Experience at 242 Coffee Company in Blossburg, PA. The individual worked as a barista and gained valuable communication and problem solving skills while learning the importance of being punctual and maintaining a positive attitude in the workplace. The client also had the opportunity to work with the pastry chef and enjoyed baking and decorating specialty cupcakes.
Attention Young Adults 14-24*

Need some extra cash? Interested in a summer job?

It’s that time of year again! The 2018 Young Adult summer work experience placement begins soon. Young adults age 14 to 24 have the opportunity to explore the requirements of jobs while gaining real-world work experience. Placements include exposure to job duties as well as a combination of volunteering, field trips, and/or academic enrichment (including resume development, interviewing skills, and career exploration). This mix of components is an excellent way for young adults to learn about jobs while gaining life experiences and earning a paycheck.

Contact your local PA CareerLink® or affiliate site today!

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*Eligibility criteria must be met in order to qualify for job placement. More information is available at northerntier.org. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Northern Tier Youth Committee

Mission

A system that provides all youth and young adults with the skills and opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency, encourages life-long learning, and ensures the region a skilled workforce.

As a subcommittee of the Northern Tier Workforce Development Board, the Youth Committee is comprised of members with a special interest or expertise in youth policy. The Youth Committee is responsible for:
- Recommending eligible providers of youth/young adult activities to the Workforce Development Board to be awarded grants or contracts on a competitive basis;
- Providing oversight to the eligible providers of young adult services in the Northern Tier;
- Coordinating activities and leveraging resources to effectively serve the young adult residents of the region;
- Developing portions of the local plan related to eligible participants, as determined by the Workforce Development Board;
- Coordinating activities in the Northern Tier; and
- Performing other duties determined to be appropriate by the Workforce Development Board.

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The Northern Tier Youth Committee meets quarterly at the PA CareerLink® offices, 312 Main Street, Suite 1, Towanda.

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