

JUDICIARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING SUCCESS (JOBS) PROGRAM



Spring 2023 Edition

A proud moment

Eric Scherzer (in plaid shirt) smiles after his graduation from Train-to-Hire in project management on Nov. 10, 2022 at the College in Long Branch.

Helping Scherzer reach this milestone was a true team effort in the Monmouth Vicinage as well as county and state officials. With help from Trial Court Administrator Gurpreet, Probation Division Manager Caitlin Mejia, along with Ahr from the state Department of Labor, Scherzer had received a DOL JOBS program utilized to provide transportation, books and other necessities to employment.

Nicholas Krutchkoff, Scherzer's probation officer, maintained support for him. Scherzer eventually found housing.

Scherzer's term of probation recently ended. He maintains a focus on actively seeking employment to incorporate his Certified A (CAPM) certification. Krutchkoff is committed to providing support through the JOBS program even as Scherzer transitions from supervision.



Eric Scherzer

VICINAGE EVENTS

Hudson



The probation division in the Hudson Vicinage held its first a career and resource fair on Jan. 6. in the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Courthouse in Jersey City. A total of 56 clients and 11 employers/resource providers attended. Companies, agencies and organizations represented included New Jersey Transit, Amazon, Wakefern, Assurance Wireless, Department of Labor Federal Bonding Program, Hudson County Schools of Technology, New Jersey Reentry Corporation, Blessed Ministries, Well-Care, Hola Doctor, and Hudson County Community College.

Clients were offered the option to begin the federal bonding process as well as educational and employment opportunities. Assurance Wireless hired three clients on the spot.

Mercer



Staff from the Mercer Vicinage held a career and resource fair Jan. 19 at the Mercer County Criminal Courthouse in Trenton as part of the Judiciary's JOBS program. This event helps probation clients looking for a second chance in the work force. Multiple companies and organizations attended the event to provide information, community resources, and job applications for eligible probation clients.

Monmouth

The Monmouth Vicinage celebrated the graduation of 22 participants from the Judiciary Opportunities for Building Success (JOBS) Program in November 2022 and on Feb. 10, 2023 at Brookdale Community College's Long Branch campus. The graduates, who were trained through Apex Solutions Group, successfully completed a Certified Project Management training program. The 10-week train to-hire program concentrated in Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) and provided extensive preparation for the certification exam. The classes also focused on topics such as job preparation and readiness, financial literacy, and ethics/integrity. The CAPM certification will enable the graduates to obtain positions in project management and business analysis. The JOBS program partners with local employers to provide employment and job training, as well as professional development, for recovery court participants and those on probation.



Passaic

The Passaic Vicinage held a career and services fair on Nov. 10 at the vicinage's probation office in Paterson.

As part of the Judiciary's JOBS (Judiciary Opportunities for Building Success) program, the vicinage has partnered with local employers and social services agencies to help prepare probation, recovery court, parole, and re-entry participants with job readiness skills and to connect them with employers.

Job fair applicants spoke with prospective employers and gathered employment information directly from representatives from several industries. Representatives from local social services agencies also were available to provide mentoring with employment assistance, resumé preparation, and interview coaching.

JOBS Hero

A regular feature of each JOBS Journal is highlighting a JOBS Program hero, someone who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to helping probation clients with employment and training opportunities.

By Michelle Pettey
Assistant Probation Division Manager
Mercer Vicinage

Uriela Henriquez helped a client apply for and secure a job interview at UPS.

The client said he felt the interview went well, but admitted he was concerned that his background check would prevent him from getting the job.

As time went on, the client began to lose hope.

After much encouragement from Uriela, the client contacted human resources to express his interest in the job. A few weeks later, he received a temporary job offer, with the potential of being hired permanently.

The client expressed his gratitude to Uriela and told her how her help and guidance changed his life.



Uriela Henriquez
Probation Officer
Mercer Vicinage

By Saul Hernandez
Probation Division Manager
Burlington Vicinage

Lindsey has led our local efforts to engage supervision staff in championing the JOBS program.

She contacted area employers and spoke to them about the program. The committee charged with planning and executing our job and community resource fairs relies heavily on her expertise and employer/agency connections.

Lindsey provides value-added ideas to ensure our clients have access to training and employment.

Data analytics has played a considerable role in Lindsey's approach to strategically identifying clients who could benefit from the JOBS program. She has since been promoted to senior probation officer for the Gun Violence Reduction Program.



Lindsey Valachovic
Probation Officer
Burlington Vicinage

UPCOMING JOBS FAIRS

April 2023

WHEN

April 14, 2023

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

April 20, 2023

4 – 6 p.m.

April 21, 2023

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 25, 2023

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 27, 2023

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE

Essex County Courthouse

60 Evergreen Place, East Orange, NJ

Mercer County Criminal Courthouse

175 S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ

Hudson County (William J. Brennan) Courthouse

583 Newark Ave., Ground Floor, Jersey City, NJ

Salem Family Success Center

14 New Market St., Salem, NJ

Passaic County Probation Division Building

55 Dale Ave., Paterson, NJ



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