

# WESTMORELAND COUNTY TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

May 7, 2018  
8:00am-1:30pm

Fred Rogers  
Center  
on St. Vincent  
College Campus

**Registration  
Required:**



<http://bit.ly/2018teconf>  
by April 6, 2018



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## AGENDA

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:45	Opening
8:55-10:50	Session Cycles <i>Interviewing, coaching and resource/vendor fair</i>
11:00-12:00	Lunch & Speaker <i>*Lunch is provided</i>
12:00-1:00	Employer Panel Discussion
1:00-1:30	Raffle & Closing

## Setup

Students will have an opportunity to cycle between the following:

- Interview with an employer
- Meet with coach to review interviewing experience
- Speak to various county agencies regarding employment preparation at the Vendor Fair
- Participate in an interactive sample fair on various aspects of career acquisition, such as:
  - employment application vocabulary
  - resume and interviewing do's & don'ts
  - and more!

## INTERVIEWING

Employers from the following Career Clusters will be available to interview with:

- Human Services
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Marketing, Sales and Services
- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Business Management & Administration
- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Manufacturing

## STUDENTS SHOULD PREPARE

- To participate in an interview
  - come dressed to impress!
  - career acquisition documents in hand (ex. cover letter, resume, references, etc.)
- Questions for employment support vendors
- Questions for employer panel discussion

## GUEST SPEAKER

David De Notaris, executive director PA office of vocational rehabilitation, Motivational Speaker, Trainer and Author, leads an amazing team of over 1100 dedicated professionals, investing approximately \$200M in state & federal resources to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving competitive, integrated employment. OVR assists over 5000 employers and helped 8800 customers find jobs in 2016, returning \$54M in state and federal taxes. David believes that access equals success: when we can help individuals access the same information as their classmates, neighbors, colleagues and peers, they can get the same education, training opportunities and jobs! The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) amends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and requires vocational rehabilitation agencies to set aside at least 15% of their federal funds to provide pre-employment transition services (PETS) to assist students with disabilities who are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services transition from secondary to postsecondary education programs and employment. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law by President Obama on July 22, 2014. This landmark legislation and its implementing regulations are designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help Americans with significant barriers to employment, including individuals with disabilities, into high quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Event Committee:

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