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Prep School Graduates Put Skills Into Practice

PCSI's latest Prep School cohort celebrated graduation on October 16 and wrapped up the week by putting their new job-readiness skills into practice.

Participants joined a City of Pittsburgh Job Information Session, where they met with Devon L. Taliaferro, Talent Acquisition Coordinator with the City of Pittsburgh, to ask questions and learn about current employment opportunities. The session gave graduates a chance to practice talking with an employer in a supportive setting while exploring real job openings.

Prep School helps participants build confidence, strengthen workplace skills, and prepare for the next step in their employment journey. Bringing an employer into the final day gave graduates an opportunity to immediately use what they had been learning throughout the week.

(Pictured above, from left: Reggie Good, PCSI Job Developer & Retention Case Manager; Devon L. Taliaferro, Talent Acquisition Coordinator with the City of Pittsburgh; and Mark Petrovich, PCSI Employment Readiness & Retention Trainer.)

Explore Local Job Training Opportunities

Looking to build new skills or explore a new career path? PCSI has compiled local job training resources covering fields such as healthcare, technology, construction, culinary arts, manufacturing, customer service, and more.

Explore training opportunities at pghcsi.org/employment-training-resources/.

Upcoming PCSI Events

NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day
PCSI Office & Food Bank CLOSED



NOVEMBER 12
12:00-2:00 PM
Drop-in Record Review Clinic, Carnegie Library of Pgh-Homewood, 7101 Hamilton Ave.

NOVEMBER 16-20
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Pre-Employment Preparation (Prep) School

NOVEMBER 26-27
Thanksgiving Break
PCSI Office & Food Bank CLOSED



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Customer Success Story

Breece P. came to PCSI looking for job placement and career development support. Over the course of about a year, PCSI worked with him on career planning, workplace expectations, accommodations, and building skills through several part-time work experiences. Breece used those opportunities to strengthen his confidence, learn from feedback, and prepare for full-time employment.

His hard work paid off. Breece secured full-time employment with UPMC while also obtaining part-time work with Allied Security Services, achieving the goals outlined in his employment roadmap. His progress shows how individualized support, practical experience, and determination can help open the door to meaningful employment.

PCSI Continues Participation in Urban League Thanksgiving Distribution

For about 20 years, the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's Annual Thanksgiving Distribution has helped local families prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. The event was founded by Jim Jackson while he worked at the Urban League. After joining PCSI, Jim continued helping the event grow and reach more families. Today, PCSI remains a participating partner in the annual distribution.

"We are excited about this year's Annual Thanksgiving Distribution and we're happy to have PCSI among our long-standing vendors to offer important information and assistance to our attendees," said Jennifer Thompkins, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh.

The 2026 Annual Thanksgiving Distribution will be held Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 AM. Participants must register through a participating agency by November 15.

New Social Work Interns Join PCSI

PCSI is welcoming four new student interns who are pursuing degrees in social work and gaining hands-on experience in the field.

Akina Boynton and Allyson Rynd are Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) student interns, while Leah Ellis and Ruth Mohan are Master of Social Work (MSW) student interns.

During their time at PCSI, the interns will have opportunities to learn more about community-based services, working with individuals and families, and the role social workers play in helping people overcome barriers and build greater stability.

Reggie Says...

Hiring managers care about what problems you can solve. The more you position yourself as the answer to their problems, the faster you'll land the job you want.

Inclement Weather Reminder

During bad weather, PCSI follows Pittsburgh Public Schools' delay and closure decisions. Please check school closure information before visiting PCSI on days when winter weather may affect travel.

PCSI's regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.