

PCSI WORKFORCE NEWS & COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Pr.E.P School Offers One-Week Format in Sept.

PCSI's Pre-Employment Preparation (Pr.E.P) School is trying something new in September - a condensed, one-week format designed to make the program easier to fit into a busy schedule.

From September 8-11, participants will complete the full 20-hour program in four sessions, Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Pr.E.P School helps participants build the skills and confidence they need to find and keep a good job.

The program is free and open to City of Pittsburgh residents ages 18 and older. Refreshments are provided at every class, and participants can earn up to \$100 for completing the program, with \$25 available for each day attended.

Space is limited. Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/260644708182156> or call Mark Petrovich at 412-904-4712 with questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

PCSI shares Hot Jobs on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Follow our social channels for hiring opportunities and job announcements as we receive them.

PCSI Seeks Community Member for Board

PCSI is seeking community members interested in serving on its Board of Directors as a Customer Sector Representative. As Pittsburgh's Community Action Agency, PCSI's Board includes members from the public, community/business, and customer sectors. Customer representatives help bring the perspectives and experiences of the people and communities PCSI serves into board-level conversations and decisions.

If you care about PCSI's mission and want to help strengthen services for Pittsburgh residents, please complete the PCSI Board of Directors Interest Form at <https://pghcsi.jotform.com/262106737739060>.

Upcoming PCSI Events

SEPTEMBER 7
Labor Day - PCSI Office and Food Bank CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8-11
9:30 AM-2:30 PM
Pre-Employment Preparation (Pr.E.P) School

SEPTEMBER 17
1:00-3:00 PM
Drop-in Record Review Session

SEPTEMBER 22
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Resume Building Workshop

SEPTEMBER 22
1:00-2:00 PM
Interview Prep Workshop

Visit our Events Calendar for more details:

pghcsi.org/events

Where We'll Be in Sept.

SEPTEMBER 4
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Quarterly Job Fair and Pardon Hub (West End Focus)
Focus on Renewal, 420 Chartiers Ave, McKees Rocks

SEPTEMBER 18
12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Drop-In Record Review Clinic
Allegheny County Law Library
414 Grant St #921, Pittsburgh

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Customer Success Story

MW had lived in his home for over a decade when broken pipes caused skyrocketing water bills. Once connected to PCSI, he described staff as “very courteous and considerate” of his situation, helping him apply for assistance that reduced his bill to a manageable level.

Summer Interns Gain Experience Through Learn & Earn

This summer, PCSI welcomed Remone Thomas and Demetrius Warren as interns through the Learn & Earn Program, administered by Partner4Work in collaboration with the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Learn & Earn provides summer employment opportunities for young people ages 14 to 23, helping them gain real-world work experience, build professional skills, and explore future career pathways.

During their time at PCSI, Remone and Demetrius are learning more about community-based services, employment support, food assistance, customer engagement, and the many ways PCSI helps individuals and families work toward greater stability.

PCSI is proud to participate in programs like Learn & Earn that help young people build confidence, develop workplace skills, and explore future employment and career opportunities.



Remone Thomas



Demetrius Warren

Streamlined Utility Support Expands PCSI’s Reach

PCSI has already matched its full-year 2025 utility assistance reach in just the first seven months of 2026. From January through July, 433 households received \$211,428 in assistance through the Dollar Energy Fund - the same number of households served during all of 2025, with more total assistance provided.

Several changes are helping make that possible. PCSI can now help customers apply for LIHEAP and the Dollar Energy Fund during the same session, reducing extra steps and delays. Columbia Gas, Peoples Gas, and PWSA are also referring customers directly to PCSI and have added the agency as a provider that can enroll customers in their Consumer Assistance Plans.

PCSI has also streamlined its internal process by collecting required documents earlier and building staff expertise around utility applications. Together, these changes are helping customers move through the process more efficiently and access more comprehensive utility support in one place.

Reggie Says...

“Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities.”

Free Culinary Training at Community Kitchen Pgh

Community Kitchen Pittsburgh’s next free Culinary Jobs Training Program begins September 28. Gain hands-on experience working alongside professional chefs while building skills for a career in the food service industry. Learn more about the program at ckpgh.org/enroll.