

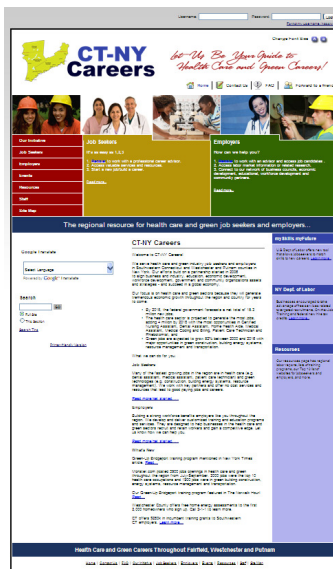
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NEWS THIS MONTH:

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Visit our new website:
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Funded by the Walmart Foundation, the CT-NY Careers web portal provides a single access point to valuable services, resources for health care and green industry job seekers as well as employers in Southwestern Connecticut and Westchester and Putnam counties in New York.



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If you have a story you would like to share, call 203-610-8562.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

YouthBuild Bridgeport Graduation



A ceremony was held on January 7, recognizing nine Bridgeport youth between the ages of 18 and 24 graduating from the YouthBuild Bridgeport Training program.

A national initiative, the YouthBuild program assists out-of-school youth in obtaining their high school diplomas or GEDs while providing occupational training in the construction industry. The program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, awarded through the U.S. Department of Labor.

YouthBuild Bridgeport includes a partnership with Carpenters Union Local 210, Home Builders Institute, Bridgeport Police Department Division of Community Service, Housatonic Community College, and the City of Bridgeport Housing Authority.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the first graduating class of the YouthBuild Bridgeport program. The students have completed eight months of training and are now prepared to meet the challenges of building a career in the construction industry" said Joe Carbone, President and CEO of The WorkPlace, Inc.

UPCOMING JOB FAIR

The 15th Annual Community Job Fair is planned for March 16. It is sponsored by Career Resources, Inc. and Housatonic Community College (HCC) in cooperation with The WorkPlace, Inc. and the Connecticut Department of Labor. The event will be held at HCC in Bridgeport at the Beacon Hall Events Center, 900 Lafayette Blvd, from 9am - 1:30pm.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring their résumés. Employers will be on site to provide information and accept applications. In addition to networking with companies and non-profit organizations, there will be many workshops offering useful information on how people can improve their employability.

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UPCOMING EVENT

The WorkPlace, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
 Friday, March 18, 2011
 8:15 am - 9:30 am
 Bridgeport Holiday Inn
 All are welcome to attend.
 Please RSVP to Lauren Kelman at 203-610-8580