

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Highlights

- Served a total of 532 students in ESL programs.
- 110 students in the ESL Program have also taken additional Workplace Literacy courses.
- Developed a partnership with 11 Ocean County high schools to educate them on certificate and credential programs for students who have indicated they do not want to attend college.
- Year 1 of 3 of the Delta Dental SMILES Grant: scholarship opportunities for future Dental Assistants, new educational equipment and supplies, and technology that will increase employment opportunities for the students.

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- **Feb. 2025:** Piloting the Center for Adult Transitioning (CAT) Grant Program for first cohort of students 18-24 with intellectual and developmental disabilities to provide workplace readiness opportunities.
- **Feb. 2025 :** Patient Care Technician Program with cohort of 10 students on scholarship through the Pathways Program.
- **Dec. 2024:** Launched the Project Management Program with Pathway Program scholarship opportunity for 30 students to take the Google Project Management program, earning them 6 certifications from Google and a credential as a Google Project Management Specialist. Once completed, the students will take PMP or CAPM prep course and sit for either the PMP or CAPM National Certification Exam.

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Adult Education, Civics and Workforce Preparation Program (AECWP/Title II).

- **FY24-25 enrolled 395 students (summer & fall terms) with a 99.2% retention rate.**
- **Embedded dog therapy visit days into the Work Readiness Assistance Program (WRAP).**
- **Provided fiscal literary workshop.**
- **Held holiday party for all ESL students.**
- **Continue to enhance literacy within families by providing Family Literacy events with OCC and the county libraries.**
- **Provided guest speakers or field trips to explore over 15 different careers.**