



Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board

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“Building Partnerships for Workforce Solutions”

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HEADLINE: Space is still available for SQUARE 1 – A Jump-Start to Employment Opportunities

Poughkeepsie, New York, April 24, 2006 – The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board’s youth summit, SQUARE 1: a jump-start to employment opportunities is only 2 weeks away. SQUARE 1 is designed to expose in-school and out-of-school emerging workers between the ages of 16 and 21 to local workforce information and resources.

Taking place Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at Bright Horizons at Casperkill on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie, SQUARE 1 is about beginning your career; the steps that go into making the best decisions for each individual to find personal success. The DCWIB is providing round-trip transportation to local public high schools on a first-come first-serve basis leaving from DC BOCES, CTI, Salt Point at 8:30 a.m. To register for this free event contact Laraine Kautz at (845) 463-0517 x204 by April 28, 2006.

Check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m. and Dr. Felicia A. Watson’s, Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the New York State Center for School Safety, keynote address will start at 9:10 a.m. Participants will then be able to listen to panel discussions that include young professionals from Mr. Rooter Plumbing, Harmon & Castella Printing, the Poughkeepsie Journal, Clear Channel Radio, Palumbo Block Company, Inc. and many other organizations. The event will conclude with lunch and round-table discussions from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Throughout the day emerging workers will have an opportunity to visit the job fair booths and either apply for a job or internship or simply speak with a Human Resource professionals – the job fair will be open to all local youth from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsors of SQUARE 1 are the Amenia Chamber of Commerce, Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce and Sedore & Company CPA's P.C, Stewart’s Shops and the Dutchess County Youth Bureau through a Youth-Asset mini grant. *“Youth Assets opportunities build healthy, caring, responsible young adults.”*

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Workforce Investment Boards administer federal funds for job counseling and training, and are advocates for workforce issues to help employers and employees improve their competitiveness in business.

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