

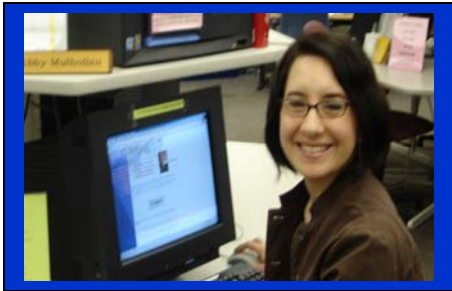
The Best Kept Secret in CAMBRIA COUNTY...

Pennsylvania **CareerLink**

Your One Stop for Employment, Education, and Training

Meet 2 of the Secrets of Our Success—

Abby & Karen



This is Abby Mulhollen, the PA CareerLink Resource Area Career Planner. She is one of the first people job seekers meet when entering the PA CareerLink - Cambria County. With a background in Human Resources, Abby began working at the PA CareerLink in May of 2005. Abby's primary job is to assist individuals with their job search, the first step being enrollment onto the PA CareerLink website. The Resource Area has many tools that can be utilized at no cost, such as computers/Internet access (for job search purposes only, please!), newspapers, magazines, and a resource library. Abby has one goal in mind: to successfully assist job seekers in their search for gainful employment. Abby is always prepared to answer a variety of questions regarding what services the PA CareerLink can offer. She also directs individual job seekers to the providers, counselors, and departments that can best help them in their job search. When not at the PA CareerLink, Abby enjoys traveling, adding to her music collection, and supporting the Pittsburgh Panthers with her husband, Aaron.



This is Karen Sellers, PA CareerLink Service Assistant. She has been employed at the PA CareerLink since March 2005. Karen is usually the first person you meet when entering the PA CareerLink and she is always willing to help. Although she is an employee at PA CareerLink now, Karen was once a customer of the PA CareerLink. She was employed by VF Intimates/Bestform for twenty-three years. She was laid off in 2002. She was eligible for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program through the PA CareerLink. She attended Penn Highlands Community College where she attained an Associate of Science Degree in Business Management. Combined with her hard work, she believes that the resources at the PA CareerLink gave her a chance for a new start. They offered the education she needed to learn the newest technologies and helped to build her confidence. On a personal note, Karen is married with two grown children and one wonderful granddaughter. When not helping PA CareerLink customers, Karen loves being outside and spending time with her granddaughter.

It's Not a Secret Anymore... Read What Some Customers Have to Say...

I didn't expect someone that doesn't even know me to care. I would like to extend a special thanks to Johnstown CareerLink

---Brian, Windber, PA

I found the services provided by the CareerLink Center to be valuable resources.

---Daniel, Johnstown, PA

The adult classes that are held at the PA CareerLink have been helpful to me and the counselors at the CareerLink in Cambria County are great as well.

----Kim, Johnstown, PA

I have been using the CareerLink website since 2002, and it has helped me hire several employees.

----Frank Kusher, White Pine Inn



Employers & Job Seekers

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Homestead Unlimited is a non-medical, in-home support company located in Johnstown that started in 1994 and began using the CareerLink website in 2000. In the last six years, the PA CareerLink and Homestead Unlimited have developed a strong working relationship that benefits both the employer, Homestead Unlimited and the PA CareerLink's customers, the job seekers. In addition to the website, Homestead Unlimited has participated in our job fairs, job clubs, and in many of our programs. Recently, Homestead Unlimited took part in a newer program at the PA CareerLink for eligible customers called WorkFind. Through this program a job seeker who is involved in our job search program can work at a worksite as a "paid work experience employee". This means that the job seeker gains knowledge and skills at a worksite while being paid by a program at the CareerLink. The worksite employer is not obligated to hire the employee, only to teach the job seeker marketable skills. Homestead Unlimited took part in this program in 2005 by taking on a Workfind participant, Nikki. Nikki was a dislocated worker from an area company who needed a little assistance in her job search. She began at Homestead simply as a Workfind participant in June of 2005. Nikki performed her job duties exceptionally well during her paid work experience. At the end of her program, Homestead offered her a full-time job as a secretary. Nikki has now been working at Homestead Unlimited since December 2005, and she says that PA CareerLink made it happen. This is just one example of how PA CareerLink links employers with job seekers. Homestead Unlimited continues to utilize our website to find qualified applicants and will be at the PA CareerLink on April 21, 2006 for *Employer Day* from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Of the PA CareerLink's Success

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have a success story that you would like to submit, please email it to Jacki at jtrexler@goodwilljohnstown.org. If your story is selected to be in the next edition of our quarterly newsletter, you will receive a current edition of *Johnstown Magazine* and a \$10 gift certificate to the *White Pine Inn*.

Check Out These Upcoming Events at PA CareerLink - Cambria County!



★Employer Day--April 21, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.★

Industries Represented: Call Centers—Cleaning Services—Food Services—Home Care Services

The Youth Department at PA CareerLink - Cambria County is seeking applicants for the Out-of-School Paid Work Experience Program. Call Eva at 533-2493 Ext. 274 for more details.

The PA CareerLink - Cambria County is now accepting applications for the Brownfields Job Training Program. Contact Amy at 533-2493 Ext. 288 for information. Check our Calendar of Events on our website, www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us, for up-to-date workshop information!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our New Local PA CareerLink Website At

www.cambriacareerlink.org

Expected to Hit the Web in June 2006



LOOK FOR OUR NEXT PA CareerLink - Cambria County NEWSLETTER IN EARLY JULY 2006!!!

Equal Opportunity Programs. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

To sign up for any of these events, or if you have questions regarding PA CareerLink services, please call:

(814) 533-2493 ext. 221 (to speak with the PA CareerLink Service Assistant), TDD (814) 535-6698.

Visit us on the web at www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us.

We are located in downtown, Johnstown at 200 Lincoln Street.

Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.