



MassHire Holyoke Career Services: We are here to serve!

"I got the job!" The magic words the MassHire Holyoke staff love to hear.

MassHire Holyoke (formerly CareerPoint), has operated from its offices at 850 High Street for 27 years. Although the center is engaged in a slow move to new quarters, all its career counseling, reentry and recovery, and job development services are still located at the 850 High Street address. Visitors can use the computers in the Resource Center to write and print resumes, explore job search engine sites, visit Masshire job postings, and complete on-line job applications. There is also access to a printer and fax.

The MassHire Holyoke counselors and job developers assist individuals who are eligible for support through several different grants and programs. Some folks may only want career readiness support or advice, others information about free training programs, and still others someone to talk to how best to apply for a job or prepare for an interview.

Several on-site and virtual workshops and webinars are available. Topics include, but are not limited to titles like career exploration, resume writing, computer conquest, networking, interviewing, on-line job applications and/or job search, and more.

To access these services and programs, one must first attend a Career Center Seminar or Orientation. They provide an in-depth overview of what we do. Once registered, the fun begins. And please don't forget that these services are free! There is no cost whatsoever to use MassHire Holyoke's Career Services.

Yes, some of the career center's offices have moved. The Youth Services Program and the Business Services Program are now in lovely new quarters in the Steam Building, 208 Race Street, Holyoke.

The Youth Team provides teens and young adult guidance and support and opportunities for part-time or full-time work, internships, and career certification programs. As with the adult population, youth often are provided instruction on how best to prepare themselves to apply for jobs, prepare resumes and present themselves during an interview. MassHire Holyoke partners with the Holyoke Public Schools and organizations like Enlace de Familias, Holyoke Community College, and the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club to provide coordinated support for the community's young adults.

The Business Services Team works with local employers, listing job openings of all kinds, providing job fairs and recruitment events, supporting on- and off-site training programs, and explaining the value of On-the-Job training and apprenticeships for both businesses and job

seekers. There even is a Talent Bank, which is used by job developers to match candidates with suitable job opportunities.

We remind the community not to hesitate to use our services. The MassHire Holyoke team members can help and truly enjoy providing what is needed to assist individuals move forward more positively and productively with their professional lives. Most of the staff are bi-lingual, and many services are offered in both in Spanish and English.

To register or to get more information, please call 532-4900, visit the MassHire Holyoke website, masshireholyoke.org, or stop by one of our offices.

And again, there is nothing more staff enjoy than hearing those magic words, "I got the job!"