

WHAT'S NEXT?

A PACKET OF INFORMATIONAL
MATERIALS ASSEMBLED AND
PRESENTED BY THE
LACKAWANNA COUNTY
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Designed To assist high school students and their parents in
navigating community-based resources while
transitioning from school to employment.**

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Recognizing the importance of connecting today's high school dropout population with the availability of educational and employment services within our community, the Lackawanna County Workforce Development Board (WDB) presents the following resources/options to those youngsters who choose to leave their high school environment prior to receiving their diploma. As advocates for the completion of secondary education, the Board recognizes that circumstances exist that may prevent the attainment of this goal and; therefore, strongly urges the completion of a Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) Program either while seeking employment and/or coupled with employment. Connections to GED providers are easily accessible and can be coordinated through the Lackawanna County WDB's operational arm at the PA CareerLink® Lackawanna County located at 135 Franklin Avenue in downtown Scranton, PA.

Included in this packet is a wide-variety of supportive service information provided as a guide for those youngsters, and their parents/guardians, as they transition from school to work. A Young Adult Program, located within the PA CareerLink® Center, provides extended services including a bank of computers available for job searching, post-secondary educational linkages, staff-assisted support, GED instruction, etc. Personnel contact information and a GED Informational Sheet is included herein for reference purposes. Questions on services or opportunities can be directed to the appropriate personnel or through a walk-in process at the PA CareerLink®. The PA CareerLink® Lackawanna County website, www.pacareerlinklackawanna.org, contains additional information. All services are FREE OF CHARGE with some restrictions/eligibility requirements attached to training options. One-on-one case management affords a smooth application process. For youth under 18 years of age (unless emancipated), a parent /guardian signature is required for certain specific program activities.

GRADUATE EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA (GED)/LITERACY SERVICES

- Must be 18 years old to sit for the GED exam unless a special waiver is granted (16 & 17 years of age) by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- May begin classes in GED testing preparation prior to 18 years of age
- Must earn minimum score in each of the four (4) subjects required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to receive GED certificate

SUBJECTS: Science; Social Studies; Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) – Language Arts & Writing; and Math

Pre-testing GED Programs/information available at:

Marywood University

- Contact: 570.961.4558 (Melinda Arcuri)
- Day and Evening GED and ESL classes
- Phone Hotline/program linkage located at the PA CareerLink® Lackawanna County (570.209.1117)
- Available Tuesday 1 pm to 3pm and Wednesday 10 am to 12 pm.

Luzerne County Community College

- The Marketplace at Steamtown, 300 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503
- KEYS (Keystone Education Yields Success) Program
- Enrollment eligibility determined by the County Assistance Office

United Neighborhood Centers of NE PA Scranton Council on Literacy Advance (SCOLA) Learning Center

- Contact: 570.346.6203 Ext. 109
- Classes available in Adult Literacy, Reading, Writing, and Math
- ESL classes available
- Volunteer-based providing confidential literacy instruction at no charge to adult residents of Lackawanna County

U. S. Department of Labor Job Corps

- Contact: 570.258.5541 (Jeff Calaide)
- Offers GED, vocational training assistance, job placement assistance
- Must be aged 16-24

Penn Foster

- Contact: 1.800.239.3916; pennfoster.edu
- On-line high school diploma instruction

Lackawanna County Workforce Development Area (WDA) Program

- Contact: visit www.pacareerlinklackawanna.org
- Located at PA CareerLink® Lackawanna County, 135 Franklin Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503
- Staff-assisted instruction available
- Must be 16-24 years of age inclusive

LOCAL TESTING SITE

- **Lackawanna College**, Scranton, PA 18510
- Contact: 570-961-7883 (Bridget)
- Traditionally tests on Thursdays, Saturdays, and/or Sundays

ADDITIONAL GED RESOURCES

- **GED Testing Services, American Council on Education**
www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/test/IntroTesttaker.htm
- **Learning Express Library**
www.albright.org
- **Steck-Vaughn**
www.gedpractice.com
- **PBS Literacy Link/GED Connections**
Litlink.ket.org
- **Free Online Practice Test**
www.4tests.com
- **GED for Free**
www.gedforfree.com
- **Test Prep Review**
www.testprepreview.net
- **Test Prep Practice**
www.testpreppractice.net
- **Free Ed**
www.free-ed.net