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City-County Career Workshops & Career Day

In September 2007, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl hosted a series of community workshops to assist residents in pursuing job opportunities in industries such as construction trades, health care, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality and others. The workshops were followed by a City-County Career Day at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown Pittsburgh. The free event featured more than 250 employers from growth industries, as well as career workshops and employment resources. Employers offered temporary, seasonal, part-time, contract, and full-time employment opportunities.

City-County Career Day attendees had access to career-building workshops and presentations called Personal Occupational Development Sessions (PODS). The PODS were held throughout the day in 30- to 45-minute increments and included topics such as: interviewing techniques, conflict resolution, pre-apprenticeship programs, navigating a career fair, job search when you have criminal record, and Internet job searching. Fifty community service organizations also provided information on specific employment barriers.

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