

Berkshire County Career Transition Support



It used to take a village.

In 2020 and beyond, it will take more than a village to begin reducing the very high level of unemployment in Berkshire County.

Our village is a group of Berkshire County residents, most working full time and some retired, who'll be donating their time to assist unemployed residents as they look for their next career venture.

Our initiative started after Kripalu announced that 450 staff would be leaving, adding a significant number to the already strained county job market. We plan to expand on and not duplicate what MassHire Berkshire Career Center and local employers are doing. For MassHire Berkshire career services, please visit www.masshireberkshirecc.com.

Here's what we will be doing:

1. Functional Career mentoring (Match Support Network individuals 1-1 with unemployed residents where we have common functional skill sets (marketing, development, finance, human resources, IT and other areas)
2. Start-up advice for entrepreneurs
3. Scaling or re-starting advice for small organizations
4. Joint programming with MassHire Berkshire Career Center to expand their offerings for job seekers

Beginning in July, we will work initially with a group of about 25 people so space will be limited.

People interested in our *free* services should email us at BerkshireCountyCTS@gmail.com for more information.

We need others to join our support village, especially Berkshire County supporting organizations, local businesses, and residents. An hour of your time can create lasting impact. To volunteer, please contact John Gillespie at jgillespie@beyondtbl.com.