



Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center

Helping People Help Themselves



Sergeant First Class Michael S. Thompson talks about U.S. Army career opportunities, one of many vocational speakers.

We've moved from the HOOD and Now We're the Corps ... Career-Corps!



What's in a Name?

Apparently a lot! There has been so much talk about the name and what it represents. Originally the HOOD (House of Original Dreams), aptly named by one of our students many years ago, was to represent a haven for youth where they could hang out to get educational support, job support, etc. It still does, with less focus on "hanging out" and more focus on workforce intention. More and more it seemed that the name was not providing clarity of mission for the business sector or even to some of the young folks in our service base, or their parents.

So we talked to our young adults at the HOOD about the name. They said - "It's time for a change!" And change we did. After much

Upcoming events

October 05, 2016 3 PM
Career-Corps Orientation
Call Javonna at 610-280-1063 or
Gloria Smith at 280-1060 to
register.

October 19, 2016 3 PM
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thought, some consternation and much conversation, the former HOOD is now **Career-Corps: A Partnership for Youth Employment.**

With the changes in state legislation taking us from Workforce Investment Act to Workforce and Innovations and Opportunity Act, our focus is on work first. Our young adults (ages 16-24) come each day dressed for success and are enjoying paid work experiences, volunteer work experiences, apprenticeship opportunities, certification classes, employment workshops, soft-skills training, and notable workforce and vocational speakers, among other daily adventures.

We have been updating our signage, updating our website (still in process), and updating our focus. We still support our young adults by offering GED and tutoring instruction in order to ensure they have the foundational skills needed for work. We're excited by our evolution. In the neighborhood? Stop by and pay a visit. And look out for more great news from Career-Corps coming your way ... soon!

We're still a work in progress, but check us out!
website: www.career-corps.org phone: 610-280-1060

Career-Corps is funded through the Chester County Workforce Development Board and operated by Chester County OIC.

October 28, 2016, 6 PM

Chester County OIC 37th Annual Awards Gala at the Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd, Malvern PA. For more info, call 610-692-2344.

October 29, 2016, 8 PM

The Mountaintop at People's Light and Theatre -- 39 Conestoga Rd. (Rtes 401 & 30) Malvern PA, 19355
Special price -- \$25.00/ticket. For more info, call 610-692-2344

April 2017 -- 2nd Annual Jazz and Theatre Show with the Shamika Byrd Trio and West Chester Community Performers. Stay tuned.