



Grant Program:	Pathways Out of Poverty
Grantee Name:	Lehigh Valley WIB
Grantee City/State:	Lehigh Valley, PA
Grant Award Amount:	\$4,000,000
Initial Period of Performance:	January 2010 - January 2012
Project Name:	Lehigh Valley (PA) Pathways Out of Poverty Customer Assistance Triage (CAT) System
Project Description:	The grantee will utilize the region's workforce system, education community, employers, economic development, municipalities, and community-based organizations to re-engage hardest-to-serve young adults in the service area. A Customer Assistance Triage (CAT) system will offer participants a pathway into self-sufficiency with a holistic system of assessment, career awareness, training, apprenticeships, wraparound support services, and job placement and retention with basic services delivered from a central location in the targeted neighborhoods. Within the defined green industries, CAT will focus on Lehigh Valley high priority occupations in energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofit industries, renewable electric power, and energy efficiency assessment. An example of academic and workforce readiness training is a non-credit program suggested by program partner, Penn State Lehigh Valley that leads to a Workplace Professional Certificate. This fast-track program provides participants with necessary academic and supportive education to complement green industry technology training.
Areas Served by Grant:	Allentown, PA
PUMAs Served:	03600
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	N/A
National or Local Grant:	Local
Targeted Industries:	Energy-Efficient Building, Construction, and Retrofit Industries, Renewable Electric Power Industry, and Energy Efficiency Assessment
Targeted Credentials:	The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), OSHA Career Safe Certification, Electrical Construction Specialized Diploma, Northampton Community College Diploma (HAVAC Technician I)
Targeted Occupations:	Electricians; Heating, Air Conditioning And Refrigeration Mechanics And Installers; Electrical Power Line Installers And Repairers; Carpenters, Rough; Construction Laborers; General Maintenance And Repair Workers; Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers
Targeted Populations:	At-risk youth, veterans and eligible spouses, and underemployed and unemployed individuals





<p>All Project partners:</p>	<p>PA CareerLink® Lehigh Valley, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Family Answers, The Literacy Center, Sustainable Energy Fund, Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Northampton Community College, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Pencor Services, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Society of Human Resource Management-Lehigh Valley Chapter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 375, Lehigh Valley Building & Construction Trades Council, Allentown Housing Authority, City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Lehigh County’s Probation and Juvenile Services, and Community Action Development Corporation of Allentown</p>
<p>Projected outcomes:</p>	
<p>Total number of participants served:</p>	<p>400</p>
<p>Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:</p>	<p>225</p>
<p>Total number of participants who receive basic education services:</p>	<p>150</p>
<p>Total number of participants who receive supportive services funded by the grant:</p>	<p>125</p>
<p>Total number of participants completing education/training activities:</p>	<p>100</p>
<p>Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a degree/certificate:</p>	<p>100</p>
<p>Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into unsubsidized employment:</p>	<p>75</p>
<p>Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:</p>	<p>70</p>
<p>Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:</p>	<p>65</p>
<p>Other Key Project Deliverables:</p>	<p>Electronic and hard copies of curriculum, training materials, outreach materials and other program-related items.</p>
<p>Contact Information:</p>	<p>Phone: 610-432-4087 Email: pathways@lvwib.org</p>

