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Career Fair offered for job seekers

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The annual Cambria County Career Fair will bring together hundreds of potential employees with area companies.

"It is a really good way for job seekers to meet with several employers at one time," said Jackie Trexler, Goodwill Industries of Conemaugh Valley employment counselor.

The career fair will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. May 3 at the Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center. The career fair is a collaboration among local agencies: Johnstown Area Regional Industries, Goodwill, Pa. CareerLink, Cambria Rowe Business College, Penn Highlands Community College and the Hiram G. Andrews Center.

Debbi Balog, JARI workforce development director and career fair chairwoman, said they expect at least 500 job seekers and welcomes all of them.

"A lot of individuals in our area don't know what job opportunities are available," she said. "They are just not sure where to even start."

The career fair will bring job seekers and employers together.

"It is making everybody aware of what jobs are available and introducing the companies to job seekers who may be potential job candidates," said Balog.

This week, workshops, which are free and open to the public, will be held at CareerLink, 445 Schoolhouse Road, to help prepare job seekers.

"We are working with the Pa. CareerLink to offer those workshops, to prepare for the May 3 job fair," Balog said.

From 1 to 3 p.m. April 27, a resume and cover letter workshop will be held. From 1 to 2 p.m. April 28, an interview skills workshop will be held.

Those interested in attending the career fair are asked to dress professionally and to bring four to six copies of their resumes.

More than 60 companies and schools will be on hand.

"We just want to make sure that everyone gets down to the fair and they are aware that we do have a lot of job opportunities here," Balog said. "It is just getting to know where they are and who they need to talk to."

For more information, call Goodwill at 533-2493 or JARI at 535-8675.

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