

Dear Colleague:

The partnership we are beginning to create between faith- and community-based organizations with the workforce investment system holds the promise of bettering the lives of thousands of our fellow citizens. In a time of great economic uncertainty where many live from paycheck to paycheck and many others have no paycheck at all, it is vital that we all work together to offer good jobs at good wages to those who need them. In essence, the partnership we are now forging is, in the end, about raising people up and improving their lives.

This Handbook is designed to provide vital information about New Jersey's workforce investment system. As a representative of faith- and community-based organizations, the information will help you better understand the workforce system. It is our hope that this Handbook and the Webinar will form the basis for a new "coalition of the concerned" where all of us can combine our various programs and expertise to offer new and exciting employment and training opportunities for those we serve.

Best,

Henry Plotkin