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**Christie Administration Hosts Career Exploration and Education Fair at Mays Landing Mall**

*Retail Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network Organizes Career Resource Event*

**MAYS LANDING, MARCH 6, 2015** – The Career Exploration and Education Fair, organized by the Christie Administration’s Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network at the Hamilton Mall, was unhampered by the mounds of snow dropped in New Jersey, as mall walkers, job-seekers, students and the curious were given an opportunity to find out how to get started on a career path in one of the Garden State’s key industries.

The Hamilton Mall resource event connected people with educators and training providers to begin a career path in an industry they may have not considered or explored before. The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network is one of seven Talent Networks created around the

state's top industry clusters: Life Sciences; Transportation, Logistics and Distribution; Health Care; Advanced Manufacturing; Technology and Financial Services.

"Our Talent Networks are doing a great job of engaging industry employers to pinpoint the relevant skills that job-seekers need to get jobs in those major industry clusters," said New Jersey Labor Commissioner Harold Wirths. "When employees are appropriately trained, New Jersey businesses become more competitive and productive, which benefits the state's overall economy."

"This is an important event for experienced workers who have been affected by the casino closings in Atlantic City as well as for the youth who may just starting to examine career pathways," said Caitlyn Weiss, director of the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network. "We have variety of training providers here today ready to share information with people about what it takes to get started in one of these industries or even how to transfer into an industry."

The Talent Networks represent key industry clusters employing more than two-thirds of New Jersey workers and pay more than two-thirds of the wages paid annually.

For more information about New Jersey's Talent Networks go to [www.Jobs4Jersey.com](http://www.Jobs4Jersey.com) and click on "Talent Networks."



The New Jersey Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network hosted the Career Exploration and Education Fair today at the Hamilton Mall in Mays Landing. Talent Network Director Caitlyn Weiss, pictured to the far right, oversaw the fair operations.