

The Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs provides a variety of programs, activities and services for the residents and businesses of Suffolk County. Our aim is to keep Suffolk working. We operate the One-Stop Employment Center, and the Suffolk Works Employment Program, offering vocational opportunities, job search assistance, on the job training, and work experience. We are empowered to license businesses and seek resolution of consumer issues. Often, we get to share in the success of job seekers, and our business and consumer customers. This is one of those times.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a nationwide campaign that targets disability employment issues and honors the many diverse contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's focus--**Inclusion Drives Innovation**.

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center will host the 4th Annual NDEAM Job Fair, Friday, October 6, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our Hauppauge location.

Healthcare, retail, manufacturing, customer service, administrative, and information technology companies are scheduled to attend. There is no charge for admission and no registration is required.

At the direction of Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Consumer Affairs assists the disabled in their job search, helps secure business licenses, and offers specific services every day.

"Greater than 283,000 residents with disabilities have need of our assistance", said Bellone. "We continually strive to make all county services easily accessible."

Employment Center counselors, specifically trained in disability issues and working exclusively with the Suffolk disabled, as identified by the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA), are available by appointment at the Hauppauge One-Stop and the New York State One-Stop in Patchogue.

The Employment Center features various levels of assistive technology, maintaining a Sorenson video relay system and featuring NYS Verizon TTY relay service line 711, enabling the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired to communicate with hearing people using a standard voice telephone.

Disability accommodations, auxiliary aids and services are available upon request, and the Center features automatic wide doors, ramps, accessible restrooms, and special computer stations with scanners, copy enlargers and assistive software.

Individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and interested in working full or part time, may meet with these counselors to lay out a plan for success. Call **631-853-6634** or **631-853-6539** to schedule an appointment. Visitors without an appointment may also be accommodated.

The county **Office for People with Disabilities** also advocates for disabled county residents, developing programs leading to self-sufficiency, and providing information and referrals to specialized services not available through other County departments, and ensures County government compliance with federal mandates under the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act. Contact Director **Frank Krottschinsky, Esq.** at 631-853-8333 for more information.



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Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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