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Topic Strategies of Business Engagement for Youth Providers

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Resources - Toolkits and other resources

- Business Engagement Point of Contact for Youth Providers

- Example Business Engagement Levels and Plan

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Business Engagement Webinar Resources

One Stop Operating System (OSOS)

 OSOS Guide- Employer Search and New Business Jacket: This guide is intended to help staff understand the basics of how to perform an Employer Search and create a New Business Jacket.

WorkforceGPS Resources

- <u>Supporting the Education Pipeline: A Business Engagement Toolkit for Community-Based Organization</u>: A toolkit that provides lessons on how community leaders can identify potential business partners, set realistic goals, and create partnerships for long-term success to ensure that all youth are ready for college, work and life.
- Strategic Employer Engagement: Building Dynamic Relationships with Employers in
 <u>Teen & Young Adult Employment Programs</u>: This guidebook for workforce practitioners
 offers resources to aid teen/young adult-focused professionals in planning and executing
 successful business engagement activities and related youth employment programming.
 Tools are arranged in accordance with a five-step process and include instructions for
 developing an employer engagement campaign.
- Workforce Connections Key "Soft Skills" That Foster Youth Workforce Success: Toward
 <u>A Consensus Across Fields:</u> This white paper helps bring clarity to the field by
 recommending a research-based set of key soft skills that increase the chance that
 youth ages 15–29 will be successful in the workforce. These recommendations emerge
 from a multi-faceted study that includes an extensive review of research as well as broad
 stakeholder input.
- Business Engagement Track Presentations
 A direct link to view the presentations and handouts from the 2017 WIOA National Convening track related to business engagement.

Websites Referenced

- Google or any other search engine to find business websites, press releases and events regarding the business and its employees
- Wikipedia particularly for the historical information about the businesses
- Glassdoor for business reviews, salaries and more
- <u>LinkedIn</u> to network and connect with business employees and learn about their backgrounds
- Manta for research regarding small businesses
- One-Stop Operating System (OSOS) for prior work done by workforce system partners with a specific business

Business Engagement

- OSOS Guide- Employer Search and New Business Jacket: This guide is intended to help staff understand the basics of how to perform an Employer Search and create a New Business Jacket.
- <u>Services for Businesses by NYSDOL Fact Sheet</u>: This fact sheet provides a variety of resources that are available through the Business Engagement unit at NYSDOL.
- Business Engagement Point of Contact for Youth Providers: Business Engagement unit staff across the State can help you with your workforce needs. Your point of contact can collaborate and assist you with business intelligence, identifying youth friendly businesses, internship and on-the-job training programs, the New York State Job Bank and NY Talent and business recruitment.
- Jobs Express (Job Openings in NY State by region): You can view the region a youth lives in, see which industries are growing and find out what jobs are available in that economic sector.
- Business Engagement unit webpage

Internships/Jobs Program

- New York Youth Jobs Program (Formerly Urban Youth Jobs Program): Business tax credit program for hiring youth with barriers to employment.
- Grads of Life: This website features tools that can help businesses develop sources of talent needs and build employment pathways, such as training, mentoring, internships and hiring initiatives.
- <u>New New York Leaders Program:</u> This programs matches youth with internships in NYS government.

Attached

- Business Services Contact List for Youth Providers
- Example- Business Engagement Levels and Plan

Business Engagement Unit – Point of Contact for Youth Providers

Business Engagement unit staff across the State can help you with your workforce needs. Your point of contact can collaborate and assist you with business intelligence, identifying youth friendly businesses, internship and on-the-job training programs, The New York State Job Bank and NY Talent and business recruitment.

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Example – Business Engagement Levels and Plan

Engagement levels (1)	Outreach	Relationship Development	Early Engagement	Engaged	Maintenance		
Definition of level (2):	Initial contact	Assess business needs and what the program can offer	Business expresses interest in participation	Established relationship	Continual communication		
Business Time Commitment (3):	30 mins or less	1-5 hours	1-5 hours	1-5 hours	1 hour per month		
Program Staff Activities and Roles (4):	Share outreach materials Phone and on-site discussions Social media outreach Use of Labor Market Information	Site visit Share your value addition Stress work-ready youth Offer workshops/training to business	Continue to focus on value added Stress the benefits to the business Manage expectations	Allow flexibility to the business to participate in a variety of ways. Ex:	On-going site visits Youth evaluation and progress Formal commitment from business Monthly check-in/evaluations		
On-Going Activities (5):	On-going communication, Appreciate the business participation formally (via website, forums, roundtables, ceremonies)						
Indicators of success (6):	Business will: Be made aware of the program	Business will: -Understand the value add of the program	Business will: -Explore ways to participate in the program	Business will: Commit to some way of participating in the program Seek technical assistance from program staff	Business will: Participate in youth evaluations Focus on strengths of youth Explore other options with engaging with the organization		
Time bound Outcomes (7):		ach to 5-10 businesses per weel n, staff will have established work		4 businesses			

⁽¹⁾ Name each level. You may want to add number of levels as appropriate; (2) Briefly define each level; (3) State approximate time commitment per month from business for each level; (4) List activities and roles of program staff regarding interaction with businesses in each level; (5) List the on-going business engagement activities; (6) Note indicators of success for businesses at each level; (7) List the business engagement outcomes expected from program staff on a regularly scheduled basis. Back to page one of this document.



Business Engagement Sales Approach

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Introduction

Why Building Strong Relationships Matters



Building strong relationships increases our ability to provide quality services.



Presentation Overview

- · Know Your Business Customer
- Know Your Product
- · Business Outreach
- Customer Satisfaction
- · Conclusion and Q&A



Know Your Business Customer



Each business is unique and so are their needs. Researching in advance and knowing the needs of business customers ahead of time will increase the likelihood that they use our services.



Research Prior to Outreach



Prior to conducting outreach, research each business's background to gain an understanding of their history, visions, values, and goals.



Identify a Point of Contact



Important to Note:

Once a connection is established try to maintain a single point of contact for each business.

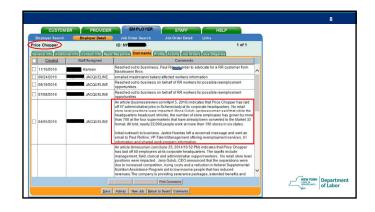


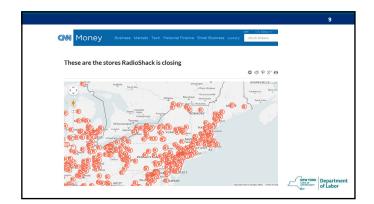
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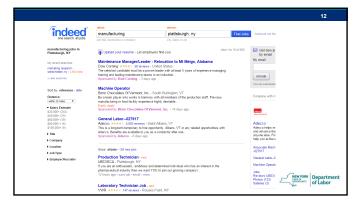




















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Know Your Product



Representatives must be familiar with all available services to be able to effectively communicate their benefits.



12 Seconds to Sell



You only have 12 seconds to engage a business, so it is **imperative** to identify one or two products that directly align with their needs.

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Maintain a List of Free Services

- Participation in no-cost DOL Career Fairs and Customized Recruitments
- Access to thousands of qualified candidates from our diverse and deep talent pool
- Ability to post on Jobs Express and the NYS Job Bank
- Easily accessible Human Resource Consultation Services
- Assistance with On-the-Job Training (OJT) funds and tax credits



Other NYSDOL Products



It is our role to act as the business's liaison for all questions related to NYSDOL services and programs.



Pick Services that Directly Align with Needs



Use your business research to determine which services will be the best fit **prior** to outreach.

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Business Outreach



Building strong business relationships will lead to greater success in selling our services and connecting jobseekers opportunities.



Make the Connection



Since you only have 12 seconds in the opening of a conversation to pique business interest, make it count by marketing the most relevant services first.

"I can help connect you to....."



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Personalize the Connection



- Find common ground for discussion other than our services
- Take notes during each conversation, and use them as talking points or ice breakers on future calls
- Whenever possible, try to make time for genuine conversations



Stay Connected



 End each call with a reason to make another outreach at a later date

- Don't allow for extended periods of time to lapse without communication
- Contact the same customer base on a regular basis



Customer Satisfaction



People do business with those they know, like, and trust.

Following-up to ensure customer satisfaction will further build trust and strengthen relationships.



Schedule Routine Follow-Up



Let your business contacts know that future follow-up contacts will be made to ensure their satisfaction.



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Track Outreach & Follow-Up

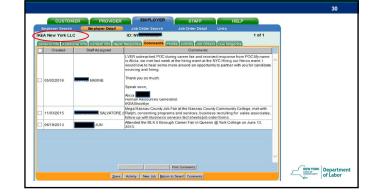
• Use organizing tools to remember things about your previous contacts

 Set up distribution lists in Outlook for different business groups

and follow-up services

- Create a tracking mechanism to capture all outreach and follow-up efforts
- Maintain a spreadsheet of high priority contacts and the most recent date of contact





Conclusion

Success with the Business Engagement Approach is

- · Knowing Your Business Customer
- · Knowing Your Product
- · Conducting Quality Business Outreach
- Ensuring Customer Satisfaction



References

Business Services Fact Sheets:

 $\underline{http://labor.ny.gov/businessservices/business-services-forms-\\ \underline{and-publications.shtm}$

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