

# Binghamton Opportunity Center helps unemployed find a fresh start

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The Binghamton Opportunity Center is open for business and helping displaced workers find a fresh start.

The center welcomes Jeanie Kumpon, a counselor who has been meeting with potential clients and welcoming new students to the BOC. Jeanie comes to SUNY Broome with a wealth of experience in counseling and case management, assisting clients from a broad variety of backgrounds with overcoming barriers and moving forward with their professional lives.

The Binghamton Opportunity Center, a collaborative initiative between SUNY Broome, the Broome County Urban League and SUNY ATTAIN, serves displaced workers who have been unemployed for 20 weeks or more. Classes in computer literacy, Microsoft certifications, math readiness, and career and college readiness are free to qualified students.

Students who do not meet the unemployment qualification can still attend computer literacy and training courses free of charge at the SUNY ATTAIN labs. These courses boost technical skill levels and offer free Microsoft certification in all areas of the Office suite. They are a great complement to coursework taken at SUNY Broome.

This week's Fresh Start Job Fair highlights some of the clients the BOC hopes to help, and Jeanie was there to discuss opportunities for career and college readiness. Learn more about the Fresh Start Job Fair:

<http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Finding-a-fresh-start-Job-fair-aims-to-help-people-hindered-by-homelessness-criminal-records-288458941.html?vid=a>

[http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com/story/d/story/homeless-coalition-holds-job-fair/59645/b30dkJAim003x5GWrQGI\\_Q](http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com/story/d/story/homeless-coalition-holds-job-fair/59645/b30dkJAim003x5GWrQGI_Q)

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