

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Carroll County Department of Economic Development  
Business & Employment Resource Center**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will provide funds to existing Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs administered through the Mid-Maryland Workforce Investment Area, a consortium of Howard and Carroll counties. In Carroll County, the program operates as an agency in the Carroll County Department of Economic Development and services are provided at the Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC). The funds will be received in FY10 to serve Adults, Youth and Dislocated workers who meet eligibility requirements.

**Summer Youth Program Beginning June, 2009**

BERC will be offering a 6 week paid work experience for approximately 21 Workforce Investment Act eligible youth between the ages of 17 and 24. Transportation will be provided to and from Springfield Hospital where the youth will earn \$8 an hour working in a variety of jobs such as groundskeepers, library aides, clerical assistants and social worker assistants. A four-person crew will also be working at Bear Branch Nature Center. All participants in the program will also receive work readiness instruction.

**Adult and Dislocated Worker Re-employment Services**

Offered at the one-stop at 224 N. Center St. in Westminster, MD

Core Services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation</li> <li>Assessment</li> <li>Job search tools/ resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community partner information</li> <li>Labor market information</li> </ul>
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Intensive Services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title I eligibility determination and registration</li> <li>Case management and counseling</li> <li>Career and skill development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic education and remediation</li> <li>Short-term classes to enhance marketability</li> <li>Job search assistance and follow-up</li> </ul>
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Direct training services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Education &amp; Literacy</li> <li>Job Readiness</li> <li>On-The-Job Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupational skills training in high growth/high employment areas</li> <li>Job Matching/Placement</li> </ul>
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Carroll County workforce development industry targets for business retention, growth and development:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Biotechnology</li> <li>Defense and aerospace</li> <li>Healthcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Information technology</li> <li>Professional and Business Services</li> <li>Research and development</li> </ul>
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Total Carroll County WIA ARRA investment	\$588,322
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