

EMPOWERMENT IN ACTION

PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN WORK | JUNE 2025



Thought Leadership Blog



This past school year, Hannah Bond joined our communications team as our intern. After graduating and finding a new job, Hannah shared reflections on [how to get the most out of an internship](#) to share with our community.

Mark your calendar

Busy making an impact this spring



We kicked off an amazing spring series of career development events, starting with ***Empowerment in the Workplace*** on May 3. Held at the Mt. Lebanon Library,

participants came together to strengthen their leadership skills, explore negotiation strategies, and support each other's professional growth. This dynamic program is tailored for working professionals pursuing career advancement and is focused on bridging leadership gaps in today's workforce.



On May 28, we hosted our fourth annual ***Career Kick-Start*** in partnership with Senator Camera Bartolotta. More than fifteen job seekers participated, enhancing their job search skills,

practicing interviews with PWW volunteers, receiving free professional headshots, exploring employment opportunities, and getting personalized resume reviews.

A special thank you to the EQT Foundation for their support of Career Kick-Start.

On June 6, PA
Women Work



Thank you to our volunteer and supporter, Karen Mancini, for nominating our organization and thank you to PHRA for this incredible honor!

Google
Reviews ★★★★★

Connections celebrates the achievements of our program participants while creating valuable opportunities for them to engage and build their network. Thank you to the 20 employers and training providers who joined us to make this event possible!



Thank you to the Richard King Mellon Foundation, G.C. Murphy Company Foundation, Robert S. and Louise S. Kahn Foundation, and Ameriprise Financial for making our programming possible.

Thanks for a groovy time!



"Our group of friends loves coming to Bingo! This was our third time attending and it is by far the most fun I have had at a charity event all year," said Ron McCloskey, PWW

Upcoming classes



New Choices (virtual)

- July 7-11, 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- July 21-25, 6-8:45 p.m.
- Aug. 4-8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Sep. 8 - Oct. 6, Mondays only, 6 - 8:45 p.m.

Client Support Services

Already a current or former PA Women Work client? You're eligible to [participate in the following opportunities](#) to help continue on your path to success.

A Closer Look:

AI for Resumes and Cover Letters

July 15, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

A Closer Look:

Using LinkedIn and Social Media in the Job Search

Aug. 19, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Volunteer Needs



Ready to make a difference in the lives of women across Pennsylvania?

Join us as a volunteer with PA Women Work! Reach out to Lizzi Holmes at eholmes@pawomenwork.org to get started and be part of meaningful change.

Board Member and one of the evening's Bingo winners. "The people and the music always make for an entertaining night. You can't help but have a great time!"

This event was made possible thanks to our incredible sponsors: CentiMark, EQT, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and JV Manufacturing.

To check out photos from the event, visit our [Facebook album](#)...and start planning your outfit for next year!

From starting over to standing strong: Melissa's story



Married at 21, for nearly two decades, Melissa's life centered around her role as a homemaker. After her divorce in 2013, Melissa needed to support herself but had limited job experience and lacked confidence. "I hadn't worked in 18 years," she recalled.

Over the next decade, Melissa worked at various jobs. She found steady

employment at her local Bob Evans, but she wanted more. "I was stuck in a rut. I knew I wanted a career, but I didn't know where to start," she said.

Determined to change her future, Melissa enrolled in online Microsoft and management training courses. Still, she didn't know how to translate that into the kind of career she wanted—until she found Pennsylvania Women Work.

With PWW, Melissa found not just resources but a true advocate in her career coach, Heather. "It felt good to have Heather on my side. She pushed me forward when no one else would. She actually cared about what I wanted—what 'Melissa' wanted."

Melissa's goal was to find a job in banking that was close to home and had growth potential. Heather helped Melissa rework her resume to reflect her new training and experience, coached her through common interview questions, and even sent educational materials to help her understand bank industry terms. "I found a job at Clearview and told Heather I really wanted it. With her help, I got prepared."

That preparation paid off. Melissa landed the role of Financial Experience Advisor at Clearview, where she's now been for two years, and has already earned two raises. "This isn't just a job—it's a career I can grow in," Melissa shared.

Thank you, funders!



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Thank you to the **Nina Baldwin Fisher Foundation**! Their support and generosity enable us to support women facing barriers to finding meaningful and quality employment, including those in our **RISE** and **ReWork** programs.

Our **RISE** program supports new Americans throughout our community through one-on-one career coaching, while **ReWork** supports individuals as they transition back into the workforce following incarceration or recovery from substance use disorder. This work would not be possible without funders like the Nina Baldwin Fisher Foundation!

Thank you, PNC!



PNC recently joined us in the office to present a \$6,000 donation, which was powered by the hours their volunteers have given to our organization.

"Our PREP employee business resource group volunteers for PA Women Work through PNC's Economic Opportunity volunteerism program. It's deeply meaningful to our team to come together around a shared belief in PA Women Work's mission. There are so many different opportunities to get involved, and everyone seems to gravitate to something different." - Angela Carducci

Thank you to Angela, and all of our PNC volunteers!

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