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Statewide Apprenticeship Conference Begins March 22

The New Jersey Apprenticeship Policy Committee is preparing for the 2001 State Apprenticeship Conference, scheduled for March 22 and 23, at Bally's Park Place Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City. The theme for this year's conference is "The Future is Apprenticable."

Over two hundred educators, employers, labor representatives, community-based organizations and state and federal government officials will participate in the seminar's presentations and workshops that will focus on ways to use apprenticeship programs to develop current and future workers in New Jersey.

Workshops will include new occupations for apprenticeship, how to establish an apprenticeship program, apprenticeship recruitment, and state and federal programs that support apprenticeship training and employer services.

The Thursday morning keynote speaker at the workshop will be Marilyn Shea, regional administrator, Employment and Training Administration, United States Department of Education, who will discuss the National Workforce Investment Act and the role of apprenticeship and training programs and sponsors. The Thursday luncheon keynote speaker will be Dana Daugherty, Deputy Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor, who will discuss the National Apprenticeship Goals. Daugherty will be joined by State Commissioner of Labor Mark Boyd, who will discuss state initiatives pertaining to developing New Jersey's current and future workforce.

The luncheon will highlight a school-to-apprenticeship program under New Jersey's Youth Transitions to Work Partnership Program (YTTW). High school culinary students and graduates who are now cook apprentices at various hotel/casino properties in Atlantic City will showcase their culinary skills by preparing a cake for the conference presenters. The young people are working as part of their high school education under the mentorship of chefs employed in kitchens at Bally's Park Place, The Claridge, Resorts, Harrah's, the Hilton Hotel and Casino, Trump Plaza, Taj Mahal and Trump Marina.

The New Jersey Apprenticeship Policy Committee includes the federal Department of Labor, the state departments of Labor and Education, and the New Jersey State AFL-CIO.

For more information call Anne Freeman, State Apprenticeship Coordinator or Howard Garey, YTTW program officer for the New Jersey's Youth Transitions to Work Partnership Program, at 609-292-7433.

ATTENTION: BROADCAST NEWS REPORTERS AND ASSIGNMENT EDITORS - Reporters and camera crews are invited to attend the conference. Of particular note is a special awards ceremony and a presentation by the high school culinary apprentices on March 22, between 1 and 2 p.m.