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## Welcome

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing commitment and support. Although we have been gone for a while we would like to re-welcome you to our monthly e-newsletter entitled "Windows of Opportunity". This monthly e-alert will take a look at new trends in youth services, workforce and economic development and the communities we serve.

As the New Director for Public Relations & Strategic Partnerships I would like to invite you to share any thoughts or suggestions you may have. It is pleasure to be able to work with such a committed and dedicated community and I look forward to hearing about your innovative thoughts and experiences. Please feel free to contact me via email at [eortiz@obtjobs.org](mailto:eortiz@obtjobs.org).

If you wish to unsubscribe please click on the link below. We wish you a warm and Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service,

Evelyn Ortiz  
Director of Public Relations & Strategic Partnerships

## New York at a Glance

Month 2009-2010	NYC	US
September	10.2%	9.8%
October	10.4	10.2
November	10.2	10.0
December	10.4	10.0
January (2010)	10.5	9.7
February (2010)	10.2	9.7
March (2010)	9.9	9.7
April (2010)	9.4	9.9
May (2010)	9.3	9.7
June (2010)	9.5	9.5
July (2010)	9.6	9.5
August (2010)	9.5	9.6
September (2010)	9.3	9.6

## Unemployment Rate In New York City

The unemployment rate is determined by the number of individuals actively seeking work.

Here are the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for 2009-2010:

*Provided by the New York State Department of Labor*

## Legislative Updates

**OBT Executive Director Presents Testimony on the Disconnected Youth Crisis.** Elected Officials call upon local leaders for advice on how to develop Economic Development & Workforce initiatives to combat unemployment. [More](#)

**"Obama Signs Executive Order to Boost Hispanic Educational Achievement"**. Goal: To focus on the educational challenges faced by the Hispanic community to increase enrollment and outcomes. [More](#)

**"New York State Receives Over \$7 Million to Improve College Access"**. Funding will provide students and families with postsecondary education benefits, planning and career preparation, financing options, reduction of interest on student loans, and professional development tools for guidance counselors from middle school to university and college settings to improve capacity to assist students and parents. [More](#)

## In the News

**“Dim Outlook for Holiday Jobs”.** Thousands of jobs will be available this holiday season but nothing compared to previous years. The National Retail Federation projects that holiday retail sales will only increase by 2.3%. [More](#)

**Compensation Gap Widens as Non Profit’s Budgets Get Bigger.** On the flipside, New York Female Executives Get Higher Pay Raises than Male Counterparts. In 2008, 333 female executives with budgets under \$500,000 on average received 3.7% raises compared to 1.9% for 95 men in similar jobs. [More](#)

**International Youth Unemployment Rate on a Rise.** IMF comes together to focus on current youth unemployment crisis. Youth Unemployment in 33 countries around the globe has risen 18.8% since 2007. International Leaders fear that rising long-term unemployment, especially among young people poses the next big threat to the global economic recovery. [More](#)

**College Graduates Competing for Jobs That Don’t Require Much Education.** Recent college graduates are facing significant labor market problems. During the months of January–August 2010 its estimated that fewer than 50 of every 100 B.A. holder held a job requiring a college degree. [More](#)

## In the Neighborhood

**FDNY Earns Honors in “Battle of the Badges”** Over 2000 fans were present to view Battle of the Badges Tournament hosted by OBT. [More](#) from the NY Post and even [more](#) from the Brooklyn Eagle.

**BioBAT Facility to Open at Brooklyn Army Terminal in 2011.** The International AIDS and Vaccine Initiative will be providing new innovative research and technology to the Sunset Park area to combat the global AIDS epidemic. The new site will create over 1,000 jobs for NYC residents. [More](#) from the NY Times and even [more](#) from SUNY Downstate Medical Center

**Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez Grants Federal Funding To Open Suicide Prevention Program.** CDC survey found that Latina teen suicide rates in NYC were 4% higher than the national average rate of 11%. In Brooklyn, the rate of Latina teens who attempted suicide more than once was 21.6% in 2009 compared to 11.7% in 2007. [More](#)

**National Ready to Learn Project LAMP Launches at P.S. 24.** Kindergarten classes previewed early learning iPad apps. U.S. Department of Education Presents \$30 Million check to Brooklyn’s HITN (Hispanic Information & Telecommunications Network) and partners Callaway Digital Arts and Michael Cohen Group for early childhood media-based education initiative. According to HITN, NY schools and community organizations state wide will be among the first to benefit directly from the applications and content. [More](#)

## Newly Released Studies and Reports

**“New York City’s Future Looks Latino”, October 2010:** According to CSS, the study reveals that Puerto Ricans, particularly males, emerge as the most disadvantaged youth group in New York City, with rates of school enrollment, educational attainment, and employment lower than any comparable group, including young black males. [More](#)

**“Reinventing Alternative Education”, September 2010:** Report identifies seven model policy elements that states should incorporate in order to develop and improve alternative pathways for struggling students and former dropouts. [More](#)

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