## Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

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## MEDIA ADVISORY: MONDAY IN LYCOMING COUNTY – Shapiro Administration to Visit Summer Employment Program Empowering Students with Disabilities with Access to Meaningful Work Opportunities Across Pennsylvania

**TROUT RUN, Pa.** – On Monday, **Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) Secretary Nancy A. Walker** will visit Rider Park to spend time with students from Williamsport and Montgomery area high schools on the first day of their summer jobs. The students are employed through **MY Work**, a summer program for high school students with disabilities created by L&I's **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)** to match students with job opportunities and work experience in their local municipalities.

**Governor Josh Shapiro's** proposed 2025-26 budget calls for an additional \$5 million investment in OVR, which helps people of all ages with disabilities find employment through personalized services such as vocational counseling and guidance, goal setting, training, and job placement. OVR also offers a variety of other supports that enable a person with a disability to be successful in the competitive labor market. The proposed investment would play a key role in helping OVR continue to offer the MY Work program, as well as many other crucial services.

WHEN: Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Rider Park, 1769 Calebs Creek Road, Trout Run, PA 17771 <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/DbycJ78QjBEq1W2G9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/DbycJ78QjBEq1W2G9</a>

**PARKING DIRECTIONS:** Upon arrival at the main parking lot, drive through the open yellow gate and proceed up to the picnic pavilion. There will be parking adjacent to the picnic pavilion, as well as on the south lawn below the maintenance shed.

**RSVP:** Media interested in attending must RSVP to <u>dlipress@pa.gov</u> with the names and phone numbers for each member of their team.