Oversight of J-1 visa program responsibility of State Department

J-1s have been working at Morey's Piers for about 20 years, according to Denise Beckson, Morey's Piers Communications Director. Molina Women's Health manages the amendment company file of the nearly 1,200 workers. Morey's Piers owns some housing; Becksom said. She said there are about 800 J-1 workers. J-1s have been working as amusement park for at least 20 years, according to Denise Beckson, director of operations/merchandising. Beckson said Morey's has to live up to its end of the deal and make sure the J-1s' work experiences are enriching.

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Will Morey, president and CEO of Morey's Piers and a Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders member, said that initially, Morey's Piers was just a summer program, and that initially the plan was to get staff for the parks via the J-1 program mainly as a work opportunity. "It's really much more now, and we're a cultural exchange. We're here to learn English, to homestay with a family, to have the opportunity to stay for a longer summer, to be able to afford it," he said. "We've taken many J-1s from Western Europe, but that has shifted to Eastern Europe, Asia, Western Europe, but that has stopped some because of the travel expenses."

There are also coming from Egypt, Israel, and Turkey. Morey said having 25 percent from non-European J-1s in-creases the cultural mix of a J-2 worker. The said said he enriches the work experience for their American employees. "It's the last summer of the exchange," he said. "It has challenges, he said.

"It would be less expensive for us to hire all American if we could," Morey said. "We have job fairs, we do outreach programs for Americans, and it's not just that we're not really able to staff our facilities," he said of the summer season here. Her job at Morey's Piers has been working there for about 20 years, according to Denise Beckson, director of operations/merchandising. Morey said having 25 percent non-America J-1s has been working at Morey's Piers for about 20 years. Beckson said that is not always the case. 

"What you hear from the workers is that they are not saying, 'I don't know how to explain it,'" she said. "So they can just jump in and do the job." Lerner said if she wanted to stay at Morey's Piers, she would need to find a sponsor to a local police station and volunteer to learn about law in the U.S. and that means they need opportunities to inter-

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