WHERE TO FIND JOBS:

The best place to get breakdowns of local casting and crew calls, training, services, and shows is <http://dragonukconnects.com/home.php>.  Click on the sign up button in the tool bar to request to join. The major Casting Directors will sometimes post on here but mostly it's student films and independent filmmakers.  This site is used more than any other for casting calls in this area. They cover PA, NJ, MD, DC, VA and sometimes farther out.  You can set up an actor. There is a free membership and one you pay for. The difference is that with the paid membership, CDs can search for you. It is not worth it though so just go with the free membership so you can search for jobs.

The #1 casting site nation-wide is Actors Access (<https://actorsaccess.com> ) .  If you want a chance at bigger projects outside of our market, then set up an account there. This can be pricey so only join if you are very serious and are willing to travel to NY, Atlanta or elsewhere. You won’t get too many opportunities in this market though.

You can look for jobs on Backstage, but need to pay for a membership to apply to them. There are very few local jobs on Backstage that aren’t also advertised elsewhere. Great place to find a lot of NY area jobs though.  <https://www.backstage.com/casting/>

In this market, unlike LA and NY, it isn't necessary to have an agent, although it helps for the bigger jobs.  Because it is a small market, casting directors maintain their own database of actors and will call actors in themselves for auditions without going through an agent.

Local casting directors to register with:

* Erica Arvold <https://www.arvold.com/casting/> (the biggest in the DMV area for major projects.  She also does a series of helpful youtube videos <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM4sFub6T4AMvIZsqbq9QfQ> )
* Pat Moran (Emmy award winning CD of VEEP - before it moved to LA) <https://www.patmorancasting.com/>
* Kimberly Skryme <https://www.facebook.com/KimberlySkyrmeCasting/> (Not as active as she used to be)
* Betsy Royall [https://www.taylorroyall.com](https://www.taylorroyall.com/)/ (has a reputation of being a pay-to-play CD; meaning she is more likely to cast you if you pay to take her classes or use her for headshots. Her headshots are not consistently that good.)
* Carlyn Davis <https://www.carlyndaviscasting.com/front.php> (ONLY works with actors over 18 yrs old)
* Virginia Film Office <https://www.film.virginia.org/hotline/category/castings/>

Some CDs use a system called Agency Pro. This is a separate service that the CDs use but don't own.  You create a separate account for each CD for free.  The Agency Pro company offers an upgrade at a cost, but don't do it.  The CD's themselves will tell you it isn't necessary.  So, ignore the monthly emails you'll receive about upgrading once you register.

Other CDs just require you to send in your headshot and resume.  The websites will tell you what they want.  Warning:  Pat Moran is VERY particular on how she wants people to register and submit so pay attention to her detailed instructions.

Most CDs have an official FB page and will post castings on that, so make sure you follow them

If you are willing to travel to PA, some CDs up there worth registering with are:

Mike Lemmon <https://castingdirectorslist.com/whoswho/mike-lemon-casting/>

Heery Loftus Casting <https://www.castinghl.com/>

Kathy Wickline <https://www.wicklinecasting.com/>

AGENTS

There are a couple legitimate agents in this area. Most only take adults (18+).

VIP Entertainment Group: <https://www.vipentertainmentgroupllc.com/> They deal mostly in voiceover work but are branching out to on-camera work as well. They have a lot of clients that come directly to them to hire talent. If you reach out to them, email Kat Manchester directly at [vipkidzkat@gmail.com](mailto:vipkidzkat@gmail.com) and mention that you are with Tryka.

Camera Ready Kids and Kids International are the big ones.  They have tons of clients but send the same ones out again and again so don’t have a great reputation.

Another big management/talent agent is Linda Towsend.  She is reputable but will sign you to a restrictive contract.

I would submit your headshot and resume to <https://www.lookmodelsandactors.com/sign-up/> even though they are in PA.   They do a lot.  When they can't find what they need on their roster, they will post on Dragonuk looking for someone.

If you are willing to do work in VA, submit to Sylvia Hutson Talent. <https://hutsontalentagency.net/>  She is very reputable.

Liquid Talent seems like they are doing a lot, but have very mixed reviews. They charge for an initial meeting – which goes against standard industry norms. <https://liquidtalentgroup.com/cmi/talent/>