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## **FORWARD TOGETHER** FUELING NEW YORK'S ECONOMIC ENGINE



Presented in Partnership

**October 27th**  
12:30PM - 4:30PM

**October 28th**  
9:00AM - 2:00PM



## TWO CAN'T MISS SESSIONS

### The Role of Community Colleges in Economic Recovery with the Chancellors of SUNY and CUNY



SUNY Chancellor- Jim Malatras



CUNY Chancellor- Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

### Building Back Better: Focusing on Job Quality

COVID-19 has given us a chance to rebuild our economy to be more inclusive, equitable and to create good jobs for New Yorkers. Join this dynamic panel of national experts and local implementers as they navigate the policies, practices and mindset shifts necessary to build our local economies back better.

Panelists: Janice Urbanik, National Fund for Workforce Solutions; Rick Plympton, Optimax; Edgar Romney, Amalgamated Bank, Robert Simpson, CenterState CEO; Mandy Townsend, JVS Boston  
Moderated by: Sarah Lee, Think Dutchess

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## ICYMI: NYS Workforce Strategy Group Lays Out Next Steps to Get New Yorkers Back to Work.

*Invest in Skills NY shares forward thinking actions for an equitable recovery*

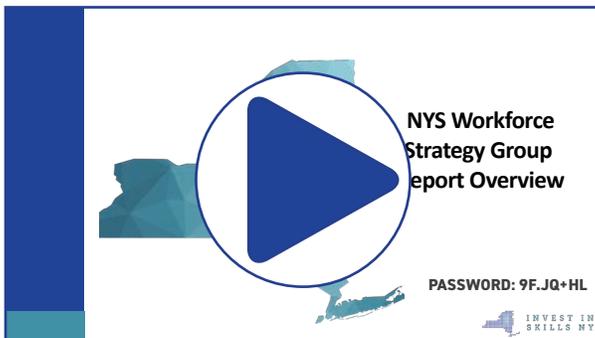


The NYS Workforce Strategy Group, a group convened by (ISNY), developed a range of policy, funding and programmatic recommendations to address persistent labor market issues that were exacerbated by Covid-19.

The report, compiles immediate, short-term, and long-term actions for Governor Andrew Cuomo and state policymakers to stabilize the economy and workers; to get more New Yorkers trained for the jobs of today and tomorrow; and to rebuild, rethink and reform that state's workforce and training systems.

[READ THE FULL REPORT HERE](#)

### WHAT CAN I DO RIGHT NOW?



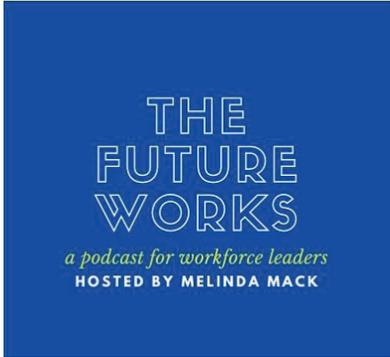
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- [Read the report](#)
- [View the briefing presentation slides and video](#)
- [Sign on to Support the recommendations in A New Way Forward: Bold Action to Reshape New York's Labor Market](#)
- [Share the Report: Let your Senate and Assembly Member know about the report, and what recommendations you think would have an impact.](#)
- [Keep the Convo Going: Interested in hosting a regional roundtable to discuss the recommendations? Contact Melinda mmack@nyatep.org or Evelyn eortiz@nyatep.org](#)

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**"A NEW WAY FORWARD: BOLD ACTIONS TO RESHAPE NEW YORK'S LABOR MARKET"**

## ICYMI: Episode 7 - Data, Data Everywhere The Future Works Podcast Now Live



Along with the rush of facts about the COVID-19 health crisis - has come a tidal wave of information about the impact the pandemic is having on the economy. For workforce providers, as we work to understand immediate hiring needs and forecast the future, our ability to find, analyze and understand data is critical.

For this episode of The Future Works, we are joined by David Williams from Harvard's Opportunity Insights, home to a treasure trove of information and real time COVID Recovery tracker. David joins us to share what Opportunity Insights is learning, and how you can access their data to support your work.

**LISTEN AND SUBSCRIBE ON ITUNES AND SPOTIFY TODAY!**



### Register Today for- Understanding Ban the Box and other New York regulations - A webinar presented by CEO October 14, 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

The reentry hiring landscape state by state and even city by city. This hour webinar will explore both national and local Ban the Box regulations with a lens on New York State, and will also touch on current policy changes affecting the reentry employment field.



**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE WORKFORCE SYSTEM**

**A SIX-PART WEBINAR SERIES**



#### Key learnings objectives include:

- Guidance on how to educate employers and respond to violations
- Addressing the legal implications when an employer requests to avoid certain convictions
- Introducing the concept of "collateral consequences" and its database
- Understanding occupational licensing
- Explore the Voting Rights restoration for people under Parole supervision.

There will be a brief overview of bail reform with a focus on how it may affect a person's employment journey. This webinar is ideal for frontline staff, business services, recruiters, and human resource professionals looking to train and hire individuals with a justice involved history. There will be an opportunity for Q&A with the experts to support the learning.

**LEARN MORE**

## WDI's Future Skills Exchange Web-based Platform Goes Live

Check out the Workforce Development Institute's new Future Skills Exchange (FSX), our interactive, web-based platform that connects New Yorkers seeking courses, apprenticeships, credentials and assessments directly to the education and training providers who deliver them. FSX has the ability to function much like a Yelp for learners, allowing the learner to sort through all of the options available and connect directly to the provider of that training to get additional information or enroll. Ordinarily, trying to find that information used to require searching across all higher education web sites. By contrast, FSX allows learners to search by location, cost, remote versus classroom and other filters, opening up a range of opportunities as well as the ability to compare and make the best choice for a learner's skill pathway.

FSX is now live and we are in the first phase of launching. We are currently working with educational institutions, training providers and apprenticeship programs all across New York State to support them in loading their content on the platform. We are focusing on non-credit, skills-based and workforce-oriented education and training offerings, as well as stackable credentials and microcredentials. WDI is providing the platform without charge to all education and training providers as well as learners, job-seekers and employers.

If you know of any education and training providers who would should be included, let us know at [fsx@wdiny.org](mailto:fsx@wdiny.org).



**JOIN WDI FOR A FUTURE SKILLS EXCHANGE LUNCH AND LEARN  
ON NOVEMBER 12 AT 12:00PM - 1:00PM EST.**

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## Save the Date – Northeast Region Governance Training

ETA has announced that they will conduct WIOA governance training this fall for the northeast states and island territories. The training is on three separate dates in October, November and December. The training is as follows:

1. **THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE IN THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**  
October 22, 2020  
Audience - state workforce leaders, state and local workforce board members and staff
2. **HIGH-IMPACT, STRATEGIC BOARDS**  
November 19, 2020  
Audience - state workforce leaders, local workforce board members and staff.
3. **GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES**  
December 10, 2020  
Audience - state workforce leaders, state workforce board members and staff

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## Virtual Training - Implementing Your COVID-19 National Dislocated Worker Grant Program

A conversation regarding local implementation of COVID-19 DWGs with national, state, and local staff. Through peer-to-peer learning, we will discuss best practices with grantees who have successfully managed COVID-19 DWGs so far.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 05, 2020 2:00 PM ~ 3:00 PM ET**

**MODERATOR(S)**

Robert Kight, Director, Adult Services Unit, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

**PRESENTER(S)**

Stephen Duval, Chief, Region 2, Division of Workforce Investment, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

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**Office of Addiction Services and Supports**

## The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports and the New York State Office of Mental Health Announce Integration Listening Sessions



The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) jointly announce a series of public listening sessions regarding the potential integration of OASAS and OMH into a new single agency. During these listening sessions, which will be jointly moderated by Commissioners González-Sánchez and Sullivan, New Yorkers are invited to provide testimony that will be reviewed and utilized by the two agencies during future integration discussions.

[\*\*DOWNLOAD THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS HERE\*\*](#)

The state will hold 4 virtual listening sessions to discuss the intersection of addiction and mental health services at a local level.

[October 16: Western, Finger Lakes, Central NY](#)  
[October 26: Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Capital](#)

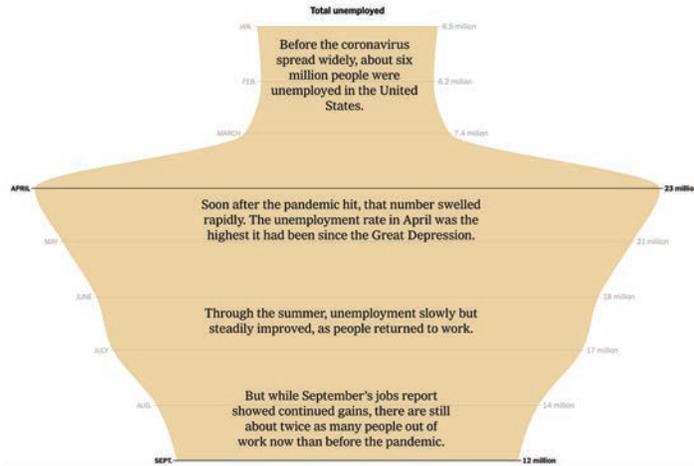
[October 30: New York City](#)  
[November 2: Southern Tier, Tug Hill, North Country, Mohawk Valley](#)

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# The New York Times

## 6 Months After Coronavirus Shutdowns, the Shape(s) of the Economic Crisis

By Ella Koeze Oct. 5, 2020



Six months after the first coronavirus shutdowns went into effect across the United States, unemployment data is painting a picture of how quickly — or not — the economy is recovering from pandemic job losses.

Looking beyond the overall number can provide a view of the dynamics shifting beneath the surface. Comparing the number of workers who were temporarily laid off to the total who were permanently let go each month, for example, reveals the potentially lasting consequences of the crisis.

Early in the pandemic, employers thought the virus's impact on business would be short-lived and that they would be able to bring back their workers within a few months. Now, despite consistent monthly gains in jobs, the number of job losses that

are permanent is increasing as the virus shows few signs of going away soon.

The official number of unemployed people tells only part of the story. The government uses an arguably narrow definition of unemployment for its statistics, counting only those who are temporarily laid off or who have looked for work in the past four weeks. People who are not working and haven't actively sought work in the last month, even if they want jobs, are considered out of the labor force and are not counted.

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THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

## New Report: Voices from the Field: Engaging Employers to Connect Young Adults to Good Fit Employment



America's youngest workers are facing the most dire employment prospects since the Great Depression. In the early months of 2020, an estimated 4.6 million youth and young adults, ages 16-24, were neither enrolled in school nor working. Today, their unemployment crisis has been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic. Significantly more young adults are experiencing unemployment and financial hardship. Recent reports estimate that more than 7 million young adults are disconnected from both school and work.

As a national partner to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Generation Work™ initiative, this report explores new ways that workforce service providers are connecting young people—particularly young adults of color—with the knowledge, experience, and relationships necessary to succeed in today's job market.

[READ THE REPORT](#)



# TICKET to Work

## Request for Information on Proposed Transfer of Ticket to Work Program From the Social Security Administration to the U.S. Department of Labor

The Social Security Administration's (SSA) Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program (Ticket program) is intended to assist adult disability beneficiaries in becoming employed, yet relatively few disability beneficiaries have successfully participated in the program. In order to strengthen the Ticket program, the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 includes a legislative proposal to improve program structure and coordination and transfer administration of the program to the Department of Labor (DOL), in order to better integrate the program into the public workforce system and better serve disability beneficiaries who want to work. This request for information (RFI) seeks public input regarding how the proposed changes to the Ticket program would impact disability beneficiaries who want to work and the systems that currently serve their employment and related needs, and to identify critical considerations for designing and implementing an improved program.

Comments must be received by **NOVEMBER 13, 2020**.

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Department  
of Labor

## NYS Department of Labor Weekly Unemployment Data

As of the week ending 10/3/20, there are **3,948,611 UI initial claims with 1,684,182 on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance**. All statewide industries experienced an increase in initial claims for Unemployment Insurance over the past year. Learn more in the full report.

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## Employment and Training Administration Announcements Updated through October 5, 2020

### GUIDANCE

- [Recent Department of Labor Actions Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Department of Labor Issues Interim Final Rule to Protect Wages of American Workers](#)
- [Education Commission of the States Publishes 50-State "Education and Workforce Development Connections"](#)
- BLS Renews Charters of Technical Advisory Committee and Data Users Advisory Committee
  - [Renewal of the BLS Technical Advisory Committee](#)
  - [Renewal of the BLS Data Users Advisory Committee](#)

### RESOURCES

- [COVID-19 Information for State Unemployment Insurance Agencies: A list of guidance, policies, and resources to help states respond to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee to Meet on October 29-30; Investment in Low-Income Communities, Job Skills and Training Opportunities, and Disaster Response and Recovery on Agenda](#)
- Talent Finance Initiative: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Outlines September – October Forums. Upcoming Events:
  - [October 13 - Forum 5: Capstone Event](#)

### FUNDING

- [Department of Labor Awards \\$4.1 Million to Increase Women Participation in Apprenticeship, Expand Job Opportunities](#)
- [Department of Labor Awards \\$29 Million to Create Workforce Opportunities in Rural Communities](#)
- [Department of Labor Awards Over \\$22 Million to Industry Intermediaries to Support Continued Apprenticeship Expansion and Opportunity](#)

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## Bello Announces Funding for New Healthcare Training Program at Monroe Community College

Monroe County Executive Adam Bello announced that Monroe County has committed \$550,000 in CARES Act funding for Monroe Community College (MCC) to develop, implement, and manage a workforce development partnership, MPower Healthcare. This innovative program will provide free training to Monroe County residents looking for work in essential health and medical positions.

MPower Healthcare will fund training and education for a minimum of 329 MCC students per year who are enrolled in programs in healthcare, including Certified Nurse Assistant Training and Development, and Home Health Aide programs, and pathways to Licensed Practical Nursing. The program will provide students with the qualifications and tools to become certified in NYS, while also focusing on their professional skill development and career plans. Comprehensive support provided includes more than training. Mpower Healthcare supports case management, career development advising, curriculum development, training and educational space, equipment, instructors, and student tuition, fees, books, and tools.

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New York State  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
ADULT CAREER & CONTINUING ED SERVICES

## ACCES-VR Announces National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2020 Statewide and Regional winners

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is observed by ACCES-VR every October. This year's theme, "Increasing Access and Opportunity" honors businesses and workers that are committed to the mission of assisting individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment, as well as, support independent living through training, education, rehabilitation and career development.

When the COVID-19 pandemic took the state by storm, many employees with disabilities were deemed essential workers. Some were grocery clerks, CNAs, LPNs, RNs, and more. These individuals ran towards the fire and helped their businesses stay afloat in a time of crisis.

Workers with disabilities are used to challenges and frequently must find work-arounds and creative solutions to be successful. As New York continues to reopen, businesses should be mindful of the resources the disability community can bring to the recovery effort. The ACCES-VR Statewide Business Relations Team has been a trusted resource to support the recognized businesses with accommodations, information on wage reimbursement programs and more.

Congratulations to all the WINNERS!

[2020 NDEAM WINNER LIST](#)

# The Daily Star

## BOCES gets federal grant for workforce development



U.S. Reps Antonio Delgado, D-Rhinebeck, and Anthony Brindisi, D-Utica, on Monday announced a \$255,086 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for DCMO BOCES.

The funding will help expand the Career Destinations — Connecting Students to Local Jobs and Careers program to 14 middle and high schools in Delaware, Otsego and Chenango counties, according to a media release.

“Workforce development programs are essential to our upstate economy, and I am deeply committed to supporting career and technical education across NY-19 to ensure young people are given every opportunity to succeed and develop a skill set that can lead to gainful employment,” Delgado said in the release. “I’m proud to join Rep. Brindisi in announcing these federal funds to expand DCMO BOCES programs and give more students the tools needed to secure jobs in the 21st century economy. I will continue advocating at the federal level for investments in our regional recovery.” The program prepares students for jobs in advanced manufacturing,

agriculture, health care, and business.

Through the grant funding, an estimated 75 students and 50 local businesses will benefit from the program per year, the release said.

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### BRIDGING NEW YORKERS INTO GOOD JOBS

A Toolkit for Expanding Bridge Programs in NYC



## NEW REPORT - Bridging New Yorkers into Good Jobs: A Toolkit for Expanding Bridge Programs in NYC

This report, commissioned by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), and produced by the New York City Employment and Training Coalition (NYCETC), Per Scholas, The Door and General Assembly, provides an overview of the landscape of bridge programs in New York City, quantifies the need for those programs, identifies systemic challenges that pose barriers to bridge program expansion, and proposes opportunities and recommendations to further develop and support bridge programs in the city. The report is accompanied by a resource guide providing strategic guidance to organizations interested in developing bridge programs.

[READ THE REPORT](#)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

The grants program seeks to support community development programs that serve low- and moderate-income individuals or communities and address key community needs such as: affordable housing, community services such as education, including financial, education for youth and consumers, small business development and neighborhood revitalization.

Applications must be received no later than Monday, October 19, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

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## NYATEP MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

We want to highlight our amazing members. Please send us something you are celebrating, a project you are working on, events you have coming up.

Please send all submissions to Molly at [mtocin@nyatep.org](mailto:mtocin@nyatep.org)

Make your organization shine!