As of late afternoon on July 2, Local Social Service District Directors were informed by the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) that the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), funded using the State’s federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families allocation, is officially a go! SYEP providers across the State have been anxiously awaiting news, with many young adults and businesses in limbo. SYEP was caught up in the fight for every penny, as Albany deals with the State’s looming $9 billion budget gap. The program was fully funded at $45 million and OTDA provided guidance here on program design and delivery.

The SYEP program would not have been saved without the field’s vocal advocacy, and we are so grateful that when we put out the call to organize -- you came out and you kept it up over many weeks. A huge thank you to every individual, organization, advocate, partner, business and Legislator who used their voice to fight for SYEP. A special thank you to United Neighborhood Houses, Teens Take Charge, Here to Here and ExpandEd for joining forces with us to be sure New York City and Upstate young adults don’t miss out on this critical paid, work experience!

Learn more about past SYEP programs and participants on NYATEP’s Summer Youth Employment website found HERE.
This week the Governor’s office announced that most of New York State is moving into a Phase 4 Re-Opening plan and NYC will be moving into Phase 3 plan, with indoor dining prohibited. Additional COVID-19 and NY Forward Reopening Guidance issued this week (as of July 2), includes:

» Governor Cuomo has partnered with New Jersey Governor Murphy and Connecticut Governor Lamont to create a joint travel advisory for individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19, requiring a quarantine for 14 days when visiting their states.

» To report violations of health and safety restrictions and requirements for businesses, gatherings and individuals, please choose the appropriate link below.
  » File a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community.
  » File a complaint against your employer or place of work.

» Outdoor pools in State Parks across NYS will open for July 4th weekend at reduced capacity with social distancing guidelines in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. For other guidance on July 4th weekend activities read DOH interim guidance.

» Go to forward.ny.gov to find out: Which phase of reopening your region is in; the industry guidance for each phase; regional dashboards for monitoring how the virus is being contained; and information on loans for small businesses OR utilize the “wizard” https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward

» New Yorkers without health insurance can apply through NY State of Health through July 15, 2020; must apply within 60 days of losing coverage.

» Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services. Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.

» The deadline for New York State personal income tax and corporation tax returns has been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.
Although phase 2 of NY Forward permits offices to re-open, the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect employees is to continue telework policies as much as possible. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene states that there continues to be community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City (NYC), and a return to the office may result in an increase in cases.

The four key actions to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

- **STAY HOME IF SICK:** stay home if you are sick unless you are leaving for essential medical care (including testing) or other essential errands
- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** stay at least 6 feet away from other people
- **WEAR A FACE COVERING:** protect those around you. You can be contagious without symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze, or even talk. A face covering may help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- **PRACTICE HEALTHY HAND HYGIENE:** wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, not your hands.

City agencies should formulate and implement re-opening plans, which should include telework and alternative schedules. In partnership with City Hall, DOHMH, OLR and LAW, DCAS has prepared this document to provide guidance to City agencies in preparing their buildings, their workspaces, and their workforce if they must transition workers from home back to the office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The guidance is divided into four pillars that should be considered in preparing to bring the workforce back to the office:

1. **PREPARE THE BUILDING:** clean, inspect and prepare the building systems, entrances, and common areas; and establish and implement new building policies and practices for controlling access, cleaning, promoting social distancing and maintaining building health.
2. **PREPARE THE WORKSPACE:** establish and implement policies and protocols for promoting social distancing.
3. **PREPARE THE WORKFORCE:** develop and implement policies and practices related to the return of staff (who and when), how staff will return to the office, and employee health and well-being.
4. **COMMUNICATION:** establish centralized, two-way, multi-channel communications.

Please be advised that this guidance represents the current line of thinking with respect to best practices established by local, state, and federal entities, as well as private and non-profit industry experts. These recommendations are advisory in nature and should be used for planning purposes to help identify risk levels in workplaces and determine appropriate control measures. The primary resources are included at the end of this document for your further reference; and agencies are encouraged to use these resources when establishing their own policies and protocols due to the rapidly evolving nature of the pandemic.

**NEW REPORT: NYC’s Citywide Administrative Services - Managing the Return to the Office in the Age of COVID-19**
NYATEP Executive Director, Melinda Mack, to Serve as Panelist on Opportunity America’s CUNY as Engine of Economic Recovery Webinar

In New York City, as elsewhere across the US, the economy that emerges in the wake of the pandemic is likely to look very different than the one that shut down in early spring. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers will need new skills to keep their jobs or reenter the labor market. And few institutions are better positioned to provide the training that’s needed—short, targeted programs offered in partnership with employers—than the City University of New York.

Please join a group of researchers and stakeholders to discuss the city’s shifting workforce needs and what CUNY can do to address them.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 | 2 pm to 3 pm EDT

Panelists include:

- Dave Clayton, senior vice president of consumer insights, Strada Education Network
- Thomas Isekenegbe, president, Bronx Community College
- Tamar Jacoby, president, Opportunity America
- Errol Louis, political anchor, Spectrum News NY1
- Melinda Mack, executive director, New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals
- Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, chancellor, City University of New York
- Rick Smith, president, The Pinkerton Foundation
- Kathryn Wylde, president and CEO, Partnership for New York City

NEW REPORT: Tracking the COVID-19 Economic Devastation

By Anthony P. Carnevale and Emma Wenzinger | July 1, 2020

Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce’s latest analysis explores which workers, industries, and occupations have lost jobs during the pandemic and is accompanied by data visualizations that detail job losses and unemployment rates.

Key Findings:

- Workers with no more than a high school diploma accounted for nearly half (46%) of job losses
- Women have seen 55 percent of job losses overall, with job losses higher than men’s at every level of education.
- Latino workers experienced 24 percent of the job losses even though they represent 17 percent of the workforce, and Black workers experienced 15 percent of the job losses even though they represent 11 percent of the workforce.
- Leisure and hospitality and wholesale and retail industries accounted for the highest shares of overall job losses, at 25 percent and 14 percent, respectively.

READ THE REPORT HERE
NYS Department of Labor Weekly Unemployment Data

As of the week ending 6/27/20, there are 2,931,590 UI initial claims with 1,049,559 on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Learn more in the full report.

ICYMI: Episode 4 of The Future Works Podcast Recently Released - Coming of Age During COVID-19 - A Pandemic and Young Adults

COVID-19 has dramatically reshaped the labor market, leaving many young adults, especially the most vulnerable, scrambling to figure out what is next. This episode of The Future Works will feature clips from a panel discussion from the NYATEP Youth Learning Lab on June 4, featuring national experts on youth policy, trauma informed care and vulnerable youth.

Featured speakers include, Kisha Bird, CLASP; Dr. Nina Aledort, NYS Office of Children and Family Services; and Christine Salazar, Puerto Rican Family Institute. We’ll also be joined by rising college junior Jorge Morales who shared his perspective on living through a worldwide pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Click the links to listen and subscribe today!
COVID-19 Financial Survival Toolkit for New Yorkers

MESSAGE FROM COMPTROLLER DINAPOLI

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created a serious public health crisis for New York and the economic impact to our State will likely be felt for a long time to come. My office is taking many proactive and positive steps to address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and we want to help New York’s residents, government entities, nonprofits and businesses alike as they navigate these uncharted waters. We created this page of helpful resources and links to give you easy access to vital assistance and information you need at this time. Since the situation is changing rapidly with each passing day, please check back regularly as we update this information.”

LEARN MORE HERE

SUNY Community Colleges Launch the Stay Near, Go Far Marketing Campaign

SUNY’s community colleges (CCs) provide tremendous value and training for New York’s workforce. This month marks the launch of a new “Stay Near, Go Far” marketing campaign. This historic multi-media campaign will help support increased enrollment for all 30 CCs from the tip of Long Island to the Canadian border.

As you know, SUNY CCs are vital to New York State’s workforce development engine and provide access for all New Yorkers to a high quality postsecondary education. By design, CCs serve all students – those who are just starting, returning to college or changing careers - as they are nearby, accessible, affordable and provide high quality programs. We invite you to help us to promote their positive impact to our students, residents, communities, counties, and state.

To learn more about the Stay Near, Go Far campaign and to see how you can support SUNY’s community colleges, visit https://www.suny.edu/communitycollege/ today!
AlbanyCanCode Launches KingstonCanCode

Kingston, NY – AlbanyCanCode, a nonprofit dedicated to creating a new generation of software coders, today announced the organization’s first expansion outside of New York’s Capital Region with the launch of KingstonCanCode. Aimed at providing workforce training and creating job opportunities in the technology field – with a strong focus on serving underrepresented populations – KingstonCanCode is the only comprehensive program in Ulster County offering educational instruction, career guidance, and a dedicated employer network to empower individuals in the Hudson Valley region.

This summer, KingstonCanCode will offer digital literacy training in collaboration with the Workforce Investment Board. That will be followed in the fall by a Front End Web Development course conducted in partnership with SUNY Ulster. Additional classes, including K-12 educational offerings, are expected in the future.

“Creating opportunities in tech for underrepresented populations has always been our primary mission,” said AlbanyCanCode Founder & CEO Annmarie Lanesey. “We know that communities outside the Capital Region can benefit from our unique programs, and we’re incredibly proud to expand our work to Kingston and Ulster County with the launch of KingstonCanCode. We are delighted with the support and partnership we’ve received thus far, particularly from Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, and we can’t wait to get started.”

“This program will provide an opportunity for residents of the County to transition into well-paying jobs that will drive the County’s success for the future,” said Ulster County Executive Ryan. “This is one of the most important economic initiatives we have seen in Ulster County and is key to our realignment efforts to ensure we come out of this stronger. I have seen firsthand how effective these programs are and I am excited to welcome AlbanyCanCode to our community during this critical time.”

Ulster County Maximizes Relationship with Coursera for Training Opportunities

Since April, the Ulster County Office of Employment & Training and Workforce Development Board has been providing no-cost access to the online training platform, Coursera. Through a collaboration with the Ulster County Library Association, which includes 21 libraries, 141 unemployed individuals have started training programs through Coursera. Ulster County plans to continue their marketing outreach to maximize this free opportunity.

If you’d like to learn more about Coursera and the trainings that they provide, please visit HERE. To learn more about the training opportunities available in your area, please contact your local workforce development board or career center.
Explore healthcare careers with the online Northwell Health Career Development Certificate

Northwell Health is committed to engaging our future workforce, especially during these unprecedented times. The Northwell Health Career Development Certificate program offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about healthcare careers and in strengthening career-building skills through a series of virtual sessions that will focus on high-growth jobs, live Q&A with professionals in the field, tips for a successful job search, and an overview of Northwell Health’s mission and culture. This FREE series concludes with a certificate and will benefit students, job seekers or anyone looking to explore career opportunities or enhance your professional brand—and it looks great on your resume.

Program curriculum

From July 20- August 21, 2020, you will have access to a series of recorded and live sessions offered as part of the certificate program. The content for most of the recorded curriculum is brief and can be completed at your own pace. A calendar of live Q&A sessions will be available upon registration.

2020 MEMBER SURVEY COMING SOON

NYATEP will be distributing a 2020 Membership Survey soon. The information you supply helps shape the services and trainings we offer. We are YOUR association and feedback from the field is vital.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING WITH THIS INITIATIVE!

Not a member yet? Learn more about how to join at www.NYATEP.org!
Level Up Announces Summer Training Calendar

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE WORKFORCE SYSTEM PRESENTED BY CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Part 3: Working with Employers** [webinar]
  - July 22, 12:00pm - 1:30pm EST
  - Cost: $100
- **Part 4: Serving People With Highly Stigmatized Convictions** [webinar]
  - August 19, 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST
  - Cost: $100

TANIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS:

- **The Road to Equity: How leaders can move from words to action in diversity, equity, and inclusion** [webinar]
  - July 28, 11:00am - 12:00pm EST
  - Cost: $100
- **Developing Culturally Responsive & Inclusive Leaders** [online workshop series]
  - August 12, September 9, and October 7, 9:00am - 11:00am EST
  - Cost: $450

NYATEP, CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE ASSOCIATION, AND MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION PRESENT:

- **The Power of Three: Maximizing Business Engagement to Support Re-employment** [webinar]
  - July 30, 1:00pm - 3:00pm EST
  - Cost: $225

GREG NEWTON FELLOW, STEPHANIE COMPASSO, PRESENTS:

- **Strategies for Working with Youth: Why Work Experiences are Important** [webinar]
  - August 4, 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST
  - Cost: FREE

CREDENTIAL ENGINE INFORMATION SESSION:

- **Credential Engine Information Session** [webinar]
  - August 5, 10:00am - 11:00am EST
  - Cost: FREE

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