Youth Practitioner’s Learning Lab on June 4th!

Are you working to figure out how to effectively serve young adults during this challenging new era? This virtual, interactive experience will connect you with national experts, creative thinkers, and your community of youth workforce providers. We can’t wait to “see” you there!

View complete agenda and speakers: HERE.
Federal Advocacy Request: Invest in Workforce in the Upcoming Stimulus Package

In partnership with the Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce and the National Skills Coalition, we urge you to join us in requesting a $15.6 billion investment in workforce development consistent with the Relaunching America's Workforce Act.

New York should lead in the call for funding and we can't do it without your help! Time is moving quickly and the goal is to have this letter up to the Senate leadership this week.

Please take a moment to sign on to the letter via this LINK

NYATEP Leads Partnership to Source PPE Equipment for Providers

In an effort to support you and your peer organizations in workforce development in your current needs as you prepare to re-open in the coming months, NYATEP has partnered with the NYC Department of Small Business Services, the Workforce Development Institute and the NYC Employment & Training Coalition to provide you with a list of resources across NYS of personal protective equipment (PPE) currently available, connect you to trusted manufacturers and each other in order to lower overall costs.

Connecting with peer providers for PPE purchases
To help you lower costs through bulk ordering, we have created this NYS Provider List in Need of PPE with contact info and PPE needs to a number of groups who are running essential programs and are in need of PPE right now. Please note this list will also continue to grow as you and others provide information. We hope you and other providers can use this to connect with one another to order bulk PPE.

1. Add your contact info and PPE needs to this list
2. Designate whether you would like to work with others to bulk order in column B
3. Connect with others to coordinate bulk ordering (ex. can be done by borough for easier delivery)

Manufacturers and Information on PPE
- NYS PPE Essential Product List - this is the main list of suppliers that we have put together for you to contact directly for your PPE Needs. This list will be updated on a weekly basis as we come across additional suppliers/manufacturers. Please make sure to check it regularly.
- CDC Mask Cleaning Resource Guide

Please contact Evelyn Ortiz at eortiz@nyatep.org if you have any questions or need any additional information.
NYSDOL Announces Over 10 Billion in Unemployment Benefits Paid to Over 2 Million New Yorkers During COVID 19 Pandemic; Pre-4/22 Application Backlog Reduced to 7,580

Backlog Includes Applications that are Missing Critical Information and Cannot be Processed, Duplicates, and Abandoned Claims

Additional 20,801 New Yorkers' Claims from Before April 22nd have been Processed, but Cannot be Paid Until Federally-Mandated Weekly Certifications are Submitted

For Immediate Release: 5/20/2020

The New York State Department of Labor today announced that the backlog of pending unemployment benefit applications has been reduced to 7,580 — representing major progress since an unprecedented crush of applications related to the COVID-19 pandemic flooded the DOL’s systems in March. This universe of unprocessed applications includes those that are missing critical information and cannot be processed, duplicates, and abandoned claims. Additionally, since the passage of the Federal CARES Act, 562,766 PUA applicants have received unemployment benefits. In total, more than 2 million unemployment benefit applications have been processed, and those New Yorkers have received over $10 billion in benefits.

"No one could have predicted the wave of unemployment applications that crashed over the United States because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and every state is struggling — but New York has moved faster than any other state to address our backlog and get money into New Yorkers’ hands. To date, we have paid out over $10 billion dollars during this crisis, compared to just $2.1 billion in total last year," NYS Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said. "Those claims that have been outstanding for weeks are ones that we simply cannot process — we have already attempted to contact all of these New Yorkers, and we will continue to try get in touch with everyone who applied so we can connect them with the benefits they are eligible for."

The numbers for applications submitted pre-4/22 are as follows:

- 1,194,933: Paid
- 20,801: Not Paid - Need Certification
- 7,580: Not Paid - Partial Claims missing Information Needed to Process

READ THE COMPLETE PRESS RELEASE HERE
Important Information about Small Business Economic Recovery and COVID-19 Loans and Assistance

New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)

The New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE. The NYFLF targets the state’s small businesses with 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (90% of all businesses), nonprofits and small landlords that have seen a loss of rental income. The NYFLF is specifically timed to support businesses and organizations as they proceed to reopen and have upfront expenses to comply with guidelines (e.g., inventory, marketing, refitting for new social distancing guidelines) under the New York Forward Plan.

Pre-applications for the New York Forward Loan Fund are now open. Priority will be given to industries and regions that have been reopened. This is not a first-come, first-served loan program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as regions and industries reopen.

For small businesses and nonprofits that are in industries and regions that have not yet reopened, you are encouraged to prepare your pre-application in advance by taking advantage of the application preparation resources available here.

- Small businesses and nonprofits must employ 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees;
- Small businesses must have gross revenues of less than $3 million per year;
- Nonprofits must provide direct services and have an annual operating budget of less than $3 million per year; and
- Have not received a loan from either SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for COVID-19 in 2020

Click HERE for more information on how to apply

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The Employment and Training Administration Updates

- Grants Management – all programs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- Trade Act, or Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- Wagner Peysier Act Monitor FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- WIOA Dislocated Worker Grants FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- WIOA General and American Job Centers FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- WIOA Performance FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
- WIOA Youth FAQs - Updated as of 5/15/20
May - June Upcoming Events

Criminal Justice and the Workforce System, a 6-part Webinar Series

Center for Employment Opportunities presents a tailored webinar series providing a comprehensive look at the infrastructure of the criminal justice system, employment challenges and opportunities for both the employer and individuals, and tactical strategies to support the justice-involved population through policy and action.

- Criminal Justice 101 (90 min) May 27
- Going to Work With A Record (90 min) June 24
- Working With Employers (90 min) July 22
- Serving People With Highly Stigmatized Convictions (60 min) Aug 19
- Partnering With Probation and Parole (90 min) Sept 16, 2020
- Understanding Ban the Box & Other NY Regulations (90 min) Oct. 14

What to Expect in the Next 90 Days (and what workforce professionals should be thinking about)

In the first of a series of webinars, spend time with the Directors from California, New York, and Michigan's Workforce Associations, as they share strategies for workforce development professionals on reopening job centers, caring for the mental health of workforce staff, and provide virtual tools to help get workforce boards back online.

Business Development and Next Generation Workforce Development Strategies

Level Up is excited to announce a partnership with JVS Boston to offer Business Development and Next Generation Workforce Development Strategies, an intermediate-level, employer development training. This 4-hour, virtual workshop will elevate your business services teams through best practice learning and interactive, skill-building exercises.

If you would like to learn more about these programs or other Level Up opportunities, please contact Megan Farry at mfarry@nyatep.org. NOTE: NYATEP membership discounts are not eligible on Level Up programming.
2020 NYATEP Board Elections

The nominations are in, and we are excited to announce the candidates for the NYATEP Board. This year’s election includes the Board Officers, At-Large Board Members and a special election for the vacant Hudson Valley Regional Vice President position. Per NYATEP’s by-laws, each eligible Member organization’s ‘voting member’, i.e. the staff person who is designated to vote on behalf of the organization, will be sent a ballot to complete by June 12, 2020 at 4:00PM. The results of the election will be announced on June 17th.

This year's candidates for election include:

President (select 1)
- Brian J. Williams, Rensselaer County Employment and Training

Executive Vice President (select 1)
- Sylvie Nelson, North Country Workforce Development Board
- Marie Wiggins, Restaurant Opportunities Centers

Second Executive Vice President (select 1)
- Denise Zieske, State University of New York (Central Office)

Treasurer (select 1)
- Vivian Benton, Workforce Development Institute
- Jenniffer McCloskey, Saratoga County Employment and Training

At Large (select 3)
- Jessica Centeno, Center for Employment Opportunities
- Joseph P. Dragone, Capital Region BOCES
- Sunil B. Gupta, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY
- Angie Kamath, City University of New York (Central Office)
- Karen Kwandrans, Niagara Community College
- Carol Machowski, OLV Human Services
- Martha Ponge, Manufacturers Association of Central New York, MACNY
- Daniel Porter, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben Workforce New York
- Alice Savino, Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Workforce Board and Chenango, Delaware, Otsego Workforce Board

Hudson Valley Regional Vice President Special Election (select 1)
- Louise McLoughlin, Dutchess County Workforce Development Board

View the candidate profiles HERE

If you are a voting member of your organization and have not received a ballot, please contact Evelyn Ortiz at eortiz@nyatep.org.
ICYMI: Episode 3 of The Future Works Podcast is Now Live

EPISODE 3: Looking Back to the Future
As the country debates re-opening the economy, the workforce field is preparing to handle the millions of Americans who will need to get back to work. This episode of The Future Works features Dr. Anne Kress, President of Northern Virginia Community College, Plino Ayala, President and CEO of Per Scholas and Michael Gritton, Executive Director of Kentuckiana Works to hear what they learned during past downturns and how they are preparing to be the next line of response.

The podcast is available now on both iTunes and Spotify. Click the logos to listen and subscribe today.

NYCETC & HSC Release Survey Results on Impact of COVID-19 on Workforce Services

The NYC Employment and Training Coalition and the Human Services Council have released reports highlighting that despite a growing need for workforce training across New York City, organizations that provide these services are facing existential financial challenges that could hamper the city's economic recovery from COVID-19.

The Economic Ripple report is available here. Read the Human Services Relief Package here.
What does workforce development look like during a pandemic?

By: Josh Durso May 14, 2020

Last month Finger Lakes Community College announced an expansion of workforce development offerings during the coronavirus pandemic.

With unemployment rates surging, workforce development professionals agree that now is the time to expand skills to transition into the “new” economy that emerges following the pandemic, or strict social distancing measures.

This comes as Governor Andrew Cuomo discusses the process by which the Finger Lakes region will reopen. That is expected to occur later this month, but no guaranteed date for the Finger Lakes has been identified.

Finger Lakes Community College serves as one of two local institutions that serve as workforce developers for Seneca County. That expansion of workforce development offerings, which was made online, included an expansion of healthcare offerings to help during the pandemic.

Read the complete article HERE.

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Prohibition Distillery helping during COVID-19

By: Patricio Robayo May 25, 2020

ROSCOE — While some businesses are struggling to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic, others are redirecting their production for the greater good. Brian Facquet, owner of the Prohibition Distillery in Roscoe, lost a significant part of his business. While his company was considered essential and was able to operate, he could not have customers walk through his doors.

The majority of his business comes from New York City, where now, bars and restaurants have also closed in the statewide effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. But Facquet did not wallow in his sorrow - he thought of others and got to work. He watched as hospitals, and residents were scouring through online retailers and stores to purchase hand sanitizer.

Read the complete article HERE.
Upcoming Member Information, Events & Funding Opportunities

Don't Forget To Complete Your 2020 U.S. Census!

2020 Census | United States Census Bureau

Learn about the 2020 Census - how to respond, and why it matters. Shape your future. START HERE.

2020Census.gov / US Census Bureau

Do you have an event or job listing you would like to share? Contact Megan at mfarry@nyatep.org to have it included in the next issue of the Workforce Buzz!