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Hello!

Welcome to the Oswego County Workforce New York's Monthly Newsletter. Our goal is to keep Oswego County job seekers in the know about current workforce initiatives, tips and tricks. For more information about our office visit our webpage at [www.ocwny.org](http://www.ocwny.org)

## Summer Job Opportunities for Young Adults

Are you age 14-20? Do you want a summer job? The Oswego County Workforce New York Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) may have a job for you! This program is open to young adults (age 14-20) who are residents of Oswego County AND meets *at least one* of the following criteria:

- Low household income
- Currently receiving:
  - TANF (Cash Public Assistance)
  - SNAP (Food Stamps)
  - Medicaid
  - HEAP
- Currently in Foster Care

### IMPORTANT!!!

*All applicants* must attend a work readiness/payroll enrollment workshop **AND** an Oswego County employee orientation session.

**Job opportunities are limited.**

Call SYEP at (315) 591-9000 now for more information.

The Oswego County Workforce New York Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides paid work and job readiness training to empower young people (income eligible, 14-20 years of age) to develop their work interests, skills, and

abilities. Participants earn their own money, build a resume, gain professional references, and reinforce productive work habits and positive attitudes. Eligible applicants may be offered paid employment at the current NYS minimum wage (\$15.00 per hour) for up to 30 hours per week from early July to the middle of August.

SYEP provides a variety of opportunities throughout the county, but placements may be limited in some areas. The work sites include local school districts, community-based organizations and Oswego County Conservation Corps (OC3) landscaping crews. Job opportunities include clerical trainee, custodial trainee, recreational program helper, OC3 crew member and more.

Public, private and not-for-profit employers are encouraged to apply as training sites too!

For more information or application packets please contact:

Oswego County Workforce New York  
200 North Second Street  
Fulton, New York 13069  
(315) 591-9000  
ocwny@oswegocounty.com

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## Remember These Guidelines for Gathering References

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A list of good professional references can come in handy in many different situations:

- When you want to move up in your company;
- When you want to join a professional association;
- When you want to speak at an industry conference or seminar

Here are some guidelines:

- 1) Pick co-workers and former co-workers who have an intimate knowledge of your work and whom you can trust to say the right thing.
  - 2) Before you give out anyone's name for a reference, make sure to call that person and ask if you may do so. Very few professional people like surprises. Even when you have permission, it is a good idea to call your references and let them know when they might be contacted. The more warning they have, the better prepared they will be.
  - 3) Brief your references. Suggest specific examples to talk about— situations where your unique skills and traits contributed to the success of an overall project or effort.
  - 4) Create a list containing the names, phone numbers, and companies of your references to bring along to the interview, but do not attach it along with your resume.
  - 5) Keep your references up to date on your job search process and who they may be hearing from. And when you get a new job, be sure to thank your references!
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[Search for Jobs on the NYS Job Bank!](#)

## Upcoming Events!



Oswego County  
Workforce New York  
Career Center



# Annual Spring Job Fair!

**Thursday | May 9, 2024 | 2pm-5pm**

**Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center  
26 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Oswego, NY 13126**

Various industries such as Manufacturing, Trades, Banking, Healthcare & more will be in attendance! Come get hired!

### Get in Touch

Oswego County Workforce NY Career Center  
200 North 2nd Street, Fulton, NY 13069  
(315) 591-9000 or (315) 591-9247 TTY  
ocwny@oswegocounty.com

### Come Get Hired!

- Local Businesses and Training programs will be attending.
- Bring copies of your resume for employers

**Thank you to our sponsors!**



# Make the career change you've been thinking of! **FREE CDL TRAINING!**



**Information Sessions**  
Wed. April 3rd, 4:30-6:30 pm  
Wed. April 10th, 4:30-6:30 pm

**CiTi BOCES**  
179 County Route 64,  
Mexico NY 13114  
Building S330, HERO  
Classroom

- Obtain your CDL-A or CDL-B!
- Learn about potential CDL employment opportunities!
- Meet the instructors!



**For more  
information contact  
Andre at OCWNY at  
(315) 591-9055**



**Oswego County Workforce New York  
Resources**



An online learning system where you can work at your own pace, gain valuable skills, and earn certificates!

*Flexible, Convenient, and Free\*!*

**Do you lack a particular set of skills required for a job opportunity?**

**Are you interested in learning new skills but don't want to spend the time or money involved in traditional school?**

#### Why Metrix?

- *Flexible* - work at your own skill level and learning pace
- *Convenient* - accessible 24/7 from any site with a high-speed internet
- *Free* - no tuition or travel expenses
- Some courses are even "mobile ready" for your phone or tablet

#### What You Need

- Basic computer skills
- Access to high speed internet
- Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox
- Java (allow pop-ups)

#### Get Started

- Contact us to sign up and schedule an orientation
- Attend a 1-hour orientation and receive your login information
- 180-day membership to complete as many courses as you would like



\*Free for OCWNY customers earning less than \$25 per hour.

#### Courses Available

**Prove-It License** – Over 900 skills assessments

**Amatrol License** – Over 700 manufacturing/production courses

**MedCom License** – Nearly 1,000 healthcare courses

**Skills Soft License** – Over 9,000 general topics

#### For more information:

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To keep up with events and job fairs throughout Oswego County!

## Who we are



## Did You Know?

**Did you know...**that Oswego County's average unemployment rate for February 2024 was 5.6% Ther was no change from the January 2024 rate of 5.6%.

**Did you know...**that you should have different versions of your resume if you're looking for work in more than one field? Update and customize your resume for each new position.

Did you know...that we have staff to help you in your job search if you receive SSI/SSDI? Stop in to learn more.

Did you know...that you should prepare for an interview by researching the company? By doing some research ahead of time, you'll be better prepared and able to ask questions about the company.

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To see our most recent events and recruitments follow us on  
Social Media!



**Facebook-** Oswego County Workforce NY,  
Oswego County YouthWorks (Ages 16-24)

**X-** Oswego County Workforce New York

**Instagram-** ocwny13069

**LinkedIn-** Oswego County Workforce New York

Please call or see the front desk attendant for more information.

Local employers need YOU to help fill job openings in the following occupations:  
Transportation, Health Care, & Manufacturing/Trades

If you're interested in training or a scholarship, see your Employment Specialist  
or call us at 315-591-9000.

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