

The WorkPlace

Fall 2025 Newsletter

Our summer was a whirlwind of action! Dive into our program highlights and get a sneak peek at our autumn plans. 🍁

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Department of Labor

Did you know?

Your DOL's mission is to provide outstanding services to our customers - the workers and businesses that call New York home.

We help New Yorkers find the careers they will love by connecting them to employment, training, and up-skilling opportunities.

We build and support New York's businesses, helping them find qualified workers and keeping them informed about tools and incentives to make their businesses thrive.

We empower and protect New York's workers by supporting the unemployed and by ensuring all workers have a safe workplace where they receive a fair wage.

To learn more visit: <https://dol.ny.gov/about-us>



Social Services Programs

TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

- Does your vehicle require repairs, inspection, insurance, and/or registration?
- Are you employed or have a job offer?
- Are you in danger of losing that employment due to transportation issues?
- Does your household qualify for TANF or have income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level?

If yes, please reach out to see if we can help!



Please contact :
Jefferson County Employment and Training at
315-786-3651 for more information.

Disability Resource Coordinator

Our Disability Resource Coordinator helps change local workforce systems to better serve individuals with disabilities under the NYSCION program. She can:

- assist with resume building and mock interviews
- provide benefits advisement and work incentive counseling to job seekers who get SSA/SSI/SSDI benefits
- coordinate and assist in recruiting individuals with disabilities to participate in career pathway programs

Call Stephanie at 315-786-3656 for more details




Business Services ON THE JOB TRAINING

The OJT program is designed to help unemployed and underemployed people improve their situation in the workforce, while giving businesses a financial incentive to hire and train them in full-time skilled or semi-skilled occupations.

The WorkPlace will reimburse your business for up to 50% of the base wages while the worker is in the training phase.

(up to the financial limit allowed for the specific program & as funding allows).

Call Alyson at 315-786-3659 for more information



Tuesday
09/30/25

DOORS OPEN
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

HILTON GARDEN INN
Watertown, NY





JOB FAIR

**** Around 55 local Businesses register each year!**
**** Over 100 job openings listed!**

Whether you are looking for a job or you are an employer looking to hire, the Fall & Spring Job Fair can be beneficial for you! Job Fairs are offered by The WorkPlace every Spring and Fall!



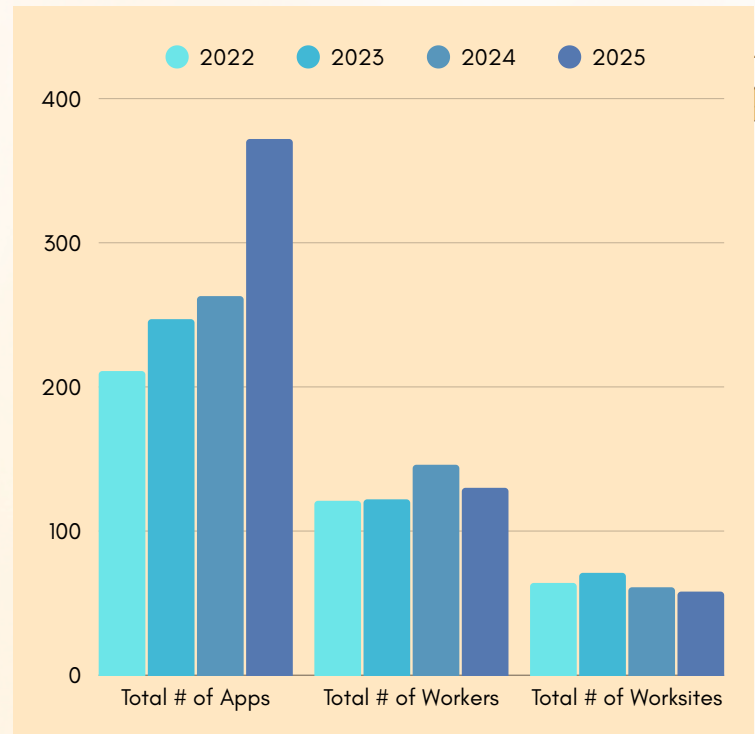
TIPS FOR ATTENDING A JOB FAIR

- **Practice a 30 second commercial.** Work on developing a short sales pitch that highlights your skills and experience.
 - **Collect business cards of the people you talk to and jot notes on the back of them.** This will provide you with reminders of who you spoke to about what. You can also make notes in your notepad.
 - **Be friendly, enthusiastic, and show Initiative!** Shake hands and make sure to introduce yourself to potential employers when you reach their table.
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Youth Programs

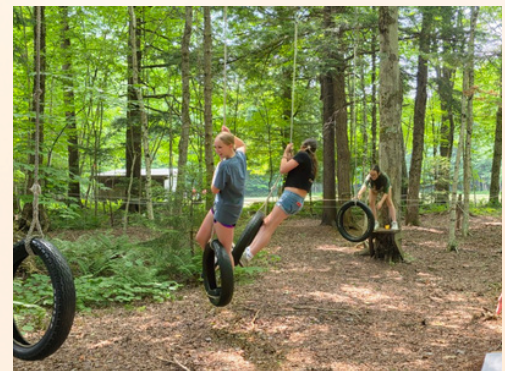
2025 Summer Youth Employment Program

SYEP Years	Total # of Apps	Total # of Workers	Total # of Worksites
2022	211	121	64
2023	247	122	71
2024	263	146	61
2025	372	130	58



Camp Day

Youth enjoyed a day at Beaver Camp filled with team-building, leadership, and communication activities. They strengthened relationships, developed new skills, and had plenty of fun along the way. A huge thank you to Beaver Camp for providing such a welcoming and supportive experience!

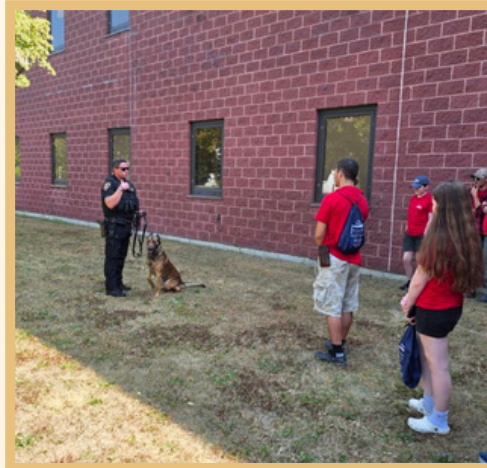


OFA Picnic

Our youth had a wonderful time volunteering at the annual Office for the Aging Picnic! Despite the hot and sunny weather, they kept smiling while serving lunch to hundreds of senior citizens. A big thank-you to the Office for the Aging for welcoming us and hosting another successful event!

Careers in Government Day

This summer, we introduced a new event for a small group of SYEP participants: a behind-the-scenes tour of more than eight Jefferson County departments, including the Watertown International Airport, County Highway, the Sheriff's Department, Social Services, and Probation. Youth had the chance to meet employees, learn about a wide range of careers in local government, and even step into the action through hands-on activities. They held a mock legislator's board meeting with County Administrators, searched records in the Clerk's Office, and investigated a salmonella outbreak at Public Health.



End of Summer Picnic

We celebrated the end of the Summer Youth Employment Program with a picnic in Thompson Park. Thank you to The General Store, Stewart's Shops, Watertown Savings Bank, Olive Garden, McDonald's, and Cheryl Mayforth who all donated to make it a special day for our hard-working youth!



Upcoming Events



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 30 - Fall Job Fair - Hilton Garden Inn

OCTOBER

Oct. 8 - Open Recruitment -
Department of Corrections

Oct. 13 - Holiday - Office Closed

Oct. 15 - Open Interviews -
Samaritan Medical Center

Oct. 16 - Manufacturing Day


Oct. 17 - Open Recruitment -
JC Department of Social Services

NOVEMBER


Nov. 11 - Holiday - Office Closed

Nov. 18 - Workforce Connections

Nov. 27 and 28 - Holiday - Office Closed



**DATES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE,
PLEASE CALL US AT 315-786-3651 TO
CONFIRM EVENT INFORMATION**





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Creating pathways to better careers and economic growth!

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