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Job Fair July 28th

The FMS Workforce Career Center and the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce are partnering to host a Job Fair in Amsterdam. The event will be held on the **Second Level in the Riverfront Center, Amsterdam. The Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 10 am to 12 noon.** Employers are asked to bring a table and chairs. There is no charge for this event.

Job Fairs are another resource for employers to increase their applicant pools quickly, with qualified workers AND at no charge! The Job Fair brings the workforce directly to you. You have the advantage of meeting candidates face-to-face, giving you a valuable first impression of your future employees.

Employers interested in reserving a space for the July 28th Job Fair can contact their Business Services Representatives at:

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**TOUGH TIMES
DON'T LAST,
TOUGH TEAMS DO!**

Help Us Create YOUR Employees of the Future!!



Fulton, Montgomery, and Schoharie County SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)

Reasons to Hire SYEP Participants:

- Introduce and prepare youth for the world of work. This is YOUR future workforce!
- Help develop social skills including communication, critical thinking, decision making, and problem-solving skills.
- Build professional networks and so much more.

What is the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)?

- A six (6) week program operating between July and August
- Services youth between the ages of 14 to 20 years of age.

Who is responsible for paying the youth?

- The FMS Private Industry Council is responsible for paying the youth that are employed through the program.
- The Private Industry Council also covers Workers Compensation.

How many hours can the youth work, and how much are they paid?

- The youth are allowed to work 20 to 40 hours a week, and are paid at least NYS Minimum Wage.

What Is Asked of a Worksite?

- Provide adequate supervision, consistent direction at all times.
- Maintain and certify accurate records of time and attendance.
- Evaluate each participant's performances on a bi-weekly basis.
- Comply with appropriate New York State Labor Laws (The Counselor will provide a copy of New York State Labor Laws as needed.)

For more information please contact:

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DO YOU HAVE ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO NEED CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE?

Released by NYS Governor's office June 2021:

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$25 MILLION IN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Funding Provides Child Care to Support Essential Workers as We Reopen Our Economy

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State will provide \$25 million in child care scholarships to all essential workers starting June 23, 2021. Essential workers include first responders such as health care providers, pharmaceutical staff, law enforcement, firefighters, transportation workers, food delivery workers, grocery store employees and others. This is the first in a series of new investments to support working families and the child care industry through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act.

"Essential workers have always been the backbone of our economy, they got us through the darkest hours of the pandemic and are playing a critical role in our reopening and recovery," Governor Cuomo said. "These individuals went to work so others could stay home and we must continue to support them in every way we can. We are proud to provide these child care scholarships to our essential workers, giving them peace of mind that their children are safe so they can continue to show up to work each and every day and support their families."

Child care costs will be covered for essential staff whose income is less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level (or \$79,500 for a family of four) and will be paid up to market rate for each region statewide for children aged six weeks through 12 years. Families currently receiving child care scholarships under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act are strongly encouraged to also apply for this new funding opportunity. It is important to note that the CARES child care scholarships will end on June 28; those currently receiving CARES scholarships will need to reapply.

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul said, "We can't get to a full economic recovery without addressing the child care crisis that was thrust into the spotlight by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our essential workers kept New York running throughout the most difficult days of the pandemic, which allowed others to safely stay home. New York State is proud to provide child care scholarships to our

essential workers so they can access the support and care their families deserve."

OCFS Commissioner Sheila J. Poole said, "Child care is foundational to our economy - without child care, there is no economy. OCFS is proud to support the families of essential workers, to whom we owe a great debt. They have not only brought us through the pandemic, but are carrying us forward as working families return to the workplace and to normalcy. Quality child care will bring them the peace of mind that they deserve as they support us in our return to work."

To streamline the application and funding process, parents will apply for funding through a single online application, and providers will be paid directly on behalf of the parent. The online application can be submitted starting June 23, 2021, until funds are depleted. Applications will be processed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to apply for the funding, please copy and paste:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/COVID-relief/essential-workers.php>.

Essential workers can use the funding to pay for their existing care arrangement, or for a new child care provider. Workers who need child care can contact their local child care resource and referral agency to find openings. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services will administer the funding.

This opportunity is the first in a series of federal funding streams being made available for child care providers, families and workers that were authorized in the New York State budget. Additional funding announcements will be made throughout the coming weeks.



May Unemployment Rates

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fulton County	5.5%	12.1%
Montgomery County	5.7%	11.8%
Schoharie County	4.3%	9.3%
New York State	6.9%	15.7%

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