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In Combatting Labor Shortage, Livingston County Encourages Youth Employment

GENESEO, N.Y., Jan. 14, 2022 — As local employers continue to struggle with the effects of ongoing labor shortages, the Livingston County Office of Workforce Development (LCOWD) and the Livingston County Youth Bureau (LCYB) are looking to promote a largely untapped resource: teenagers.

To help employers fill worker shortages, LCOWD and LCYB are creating a Youth Employment eBooklet. The booklet, intended specifically for younger job seekers, will help to guide interested young people toward positions and employers matching their qualifications and interests, said LCOWD and LCYB Deputy Director Mary Guldenschuh.

“The hardest hit industries during the state-wide shut down were food service and retail,” said Guldenschuh. “These are perfect jobs for our local working age youth to enter the labor force. Jobs in these industries have a variety of tasks for teens to perform that comply with child labor laws. We hope that this eBooklet will draw more teens into the workforce and fill these vacancies.”

LCOWD and LCYB are currently circulating a survey among local business owners to gauge their interest in hiring Livingston County youth. The eBooklet will include a list of all businesses open to hiring teenagers, making it a useful resource for job seekers under 18 years of age. If you are a local business owner, please take a moment to complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9CJH6G9>.

For more information on the Livingston County Office of Workforce Development, please visit their [website](#) or contact them at 585.243.7047. For more information on the Livingston County Youth Bureau, please visit their [website](#) or call them at 585.243.6909.

For more information on child labor laws, please visit the [Guide to Child Labor Laws in New York State](#) and the [U.S. Department of Labor Child Labor Laws](#) websites.

About Livingston County:

Founded in 1821, Livingston County, N.Y., is comprised of more than 61,000 residents in 17 towns located across 631 square miles of the Finger Lakes region.

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