Story County Youth Employment COVID 19 Newsletter

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WORKFORCE, CHILDCARE, HOUSING, FOOD GUIDE

YSS Youth Employment Program works with youth ages 14-24, looking for help with job searches, applications, writing a resume and cover letter, interview skills, budgeting, and soft skills. Call Julie at 515-233-3141 ext. 4494 to start your job search.

AEA Learning Online is currently piloting the first-of-its-kind student personalized learning system. This system will allow Iowa schools to create a variety of online, personalized learning opportunities for students, as well as provide access to the statewide catalog of content, assessments, and performance tasks.
http://learning.aeak12online.org/

Connect 2 Careers, C2C is another free resource available to youth ages 14—24 in Story County. C2C offers case management, connections to employers, paid work-experience position, resume and interview preparation, and more.
Call 515-205-9981.

Due to the spread of COVID 19 virus and based on government recommendations, several program, classes and events have been cancelled or postponed.

YSS mission remains the same: to create hope and opportunity by putting kids first.

We are seeing this is being done agency and community wide at this pressing time!

If you would like to remained updated on YSS event/news or need

"This is a hard time. Remember to have grace for yourself, your children and try to see the opportunity to build memories with one another ." Julie White

Helpful links during this

https://www.yss.org/covid19/
www.workinames.com
Www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov
https://www.ameschamber.com/news/covid-19-resources/

YSS Supportive Services

COVID 19 Preparedness Plan A top priority at YSS is the health, safety, and well-being of our employees, volunteers and those we're serving. We also know this is a time of uncertainty for many youth and families we serve .

Telehealth Available If you are experiencing stress or anxiety and need help, please contact us! We offer behavioral health services via telehealth, which means you can see a counselor from the comfort and safety of your own home. We do not require an in person visit to our office to get started. Simply contact us at 515-233-2250 and we will make a virtual appointment for you within the next 24-48 hours. All you need is your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Due to the nature of the coronavirus, most insurance companies will now pay for telehealth counseling sessions, even if this was not the case in the past. Please contact us or your insurance company if you have questions.

YSS therapists specialize in a variety of therapeutic methods and treat people of all ages. Don't spend the next four weeks (or more) suffering in isolation. Reach out to us today so we can help and support you through this crisis.

YSS Facilities and Visitors Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, the YSS administration building at 420 Kellogg Ave., Ames, IA will be locked and closed to visitors. Please note that we continue to work on your behalf and there are people available to assist you via email and phone. Please call our office at 515-233-3141 for assistance

Rosedale Shelter in Ames and the YSS Francis Lauer shelter in Mason City are closed to visitors. If you need immediate emergency assistance, please call 515-233-3330 (Ames) or 641-423-7362 (Mason City). Both lines are answered 24/7.

Thank you for helping us keep our employees, clients, and the community safe from COVID 19!

To remain up to date on YSS latest news, please visit: https://www.yss.org/news/

United Way

United Way of Story County

Story County Food Resources

Thank you United Way of Story County for keeping this information up to date. This list covers all of the agencies, churches, food pantries, Food at First, school district lunch programs, etc. Please click on the link to get the most up to date food resource list: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qWHaz-FqdZybF9SXcKflOgiBJW2rO605-M2gy13BTZw/edit

Childcare/Workforce/Housing Resources

Thank you Ames Chamber of Commerce for supporting our our community during this time! Please see the below resources. You can find more information on their website at: https://www.ameschamber.com/news/covid-19-resources/

Childcare

Parent Referral Hotline – Parent Specialists offer referrals to parents for information on child care openings for home and center-based child care and no-cost education and guidance on selecting the best child care program for your families. The Department of Human Services along with Child Care Resource & Referral are updating this list daily for essential staff to access. Phone: 855-244-5301

Map for Child Care Programs with Vacancies – The Department of Human Services along with Child Care Resource & Referral are updating this list daily for essential staff to access. bit.ly/2wxr6J1

Employees

Unemployment – workers impacted by COVID-19 closures can apply online for unemployment benefits. Make sure you are selecting that you are receiving unemployment benefits due to the COVID-19 spread.

Unemployment Webinar— https://bit.ly/2UoKYre

Immediate Job Openings - View more open positions at WorkInAmes.com

Housing

Eviction Suspension (March 20 Proclamation) – Temporarily suspends some evictions under the Iowa Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Manufactured Home Communities or Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in certain circumstances.

Foreclosure Suspension (March 22 Proclamation) – Temporarily suspends the foreclosure proceedings, or the prosecution of ongoing foreclosure proceedings, on residential, commercial, and agricultural real property located in the state of Iowa.

Thank you Iowa Workforce Development for supporting our state during this time! The following is taken from their website:

Attention workers impacted by COVID-19 closures: There are temporary job openings available statewide. Employers include: Iowa Department of Public Safety - State Troopers, Department of Human Services, Hy-Vee, Good Samaritan Society, Exceptional Persons, Inc., Meridian Manufacturing, Walmart, ABCM Corporation, Hillcrest Family Services, Vibrant Homecare, Airlite Plastics Co., Healthcare Services Group, Mainstream Living, Lutheran Services In Iowa, Kelly Services, Advance Services, Inc., Faircast Inc., Iowa Interstate Rest Areas, Iowa Select Farms, Sabre Industries

Here is a list of temporary jobs that are available across the state due to impact by COVID 19.: https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/temp-jobs This list is updated daily.

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If you need help finding a job or assistance with employment skills contact:

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Email: jwhite@yss.org

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Julie will take referrals of youth age 14-24 who are looking to get help with vocational exploration, skills assessments, applications, resume and cover letter preparation, interview skills, budgeting, and soft skills.

Work Permit

Please remember that in Iowa, anyone under the age of 16 years needs a work permit. These are available at your school and online.

For more information about work permits or how to get a work permit visit: www.iowadivisionoflabor.gov/child-labor.

It includes answers to these questions: "Who needs a work permit?," "How do I get a work permit?," What hours can I work?."

Children 16 and 17 years old are prohibited from doing certain dangerous tasks and from certain dangerous occupations.

Children 14 and 15 years old have additional restrictions, there are limits on the time and hours they can work, and must have a permit.

A work permit is not a driving permit. If you need a driving permit or license, contact the Iowa Department of Transportation.