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2016 Job & Career Expo

Reminder!

The 2016 Job & Career Expo is coming up!

When: Thursday, April 14
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Bruce M. Wright Memorial
Conference Center
1291 Faichney Drive, Watertown



For additional information and updates, check The Greater Watertown - North Country Chamber of Commerce Website at www.watertownny.com.

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The WorkPlace office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities.



April's Quote:

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

-Vincent van Gogh



Don't Wait Until the Last Minute to Update or Make Copies of Your Resume

We are more than happy to help you update or make changes to your resume so that you can bring copies with you to the Career Expo. However, **please do not wait until the day before or the day of the Career Expo to stop in!** Printers can jam, toner can run out, you can't find your resume that was saved in your e-mail, you haven't started a resume...many things can happen that can hinder our ability to help you on short notice, and you run the risk of attending the job fair without your resume! If you can stop in at least a few days prior to the event, you'll be less rushed and feel better prepared to speak with a potential future employer at the Job & Career Expo.



Veteran Tip



Did you know as a combat veteran during Vietnam or other conflict you may qualify for the New York State Tuition Award? Log on to www.veterans.ny.gov to find out more.

Do You Need Emergency Assistance?

The Critical Needs Program at the Watertown Urban Mission on Factory Street provides emergency assistance to individuals and families in need. It is a safety net in our community to help fill in the gaps for struggling individuals and families. If you're in a difficult spot in your life and don't know where else to turn, they may be able to help you, by advocating for you or providing you with some simple items to get you through.

In some cases and dependent on the availability of funding and supplies, they can help provide for basic needs through vouchers to the store, gas vouchers for medical appointments, baby formula for an overstretched family, or even help with prescriptions. The Critical Needs Program handles special needs drives as well—Backpacks & School Supplies, Winter Coats, Toys for Tots, and more.

This program is a walk-in service. To get help, go to the Mission, sign in, and once the program coordinator is available, you'll be seen. The program is designed to help you in any way possible when you're facing a difficult situation. Sometimes the help you need isn't available at the Mission, but your Critical Needs coordinator is an advocate for you to the programs in the community that may be able to help.

Otherwise, if help can be given directly, they will assist you. If you need clothing, they can give you a voucher to the Impossible Dream. If you need other household items, the same. Just be honest and open about your situation. They cannot give direct financial assistance, but they can be creative in finding ways to meet your needs so that you can get back on your feet.

If you can't make it to the Mission, call 782-8440.

Northern New York Fact

From jefferson.nygenweb.net

Many local towns and villages started out with different names. Below are some of the original names and what they were changed to. Some are no longer in existence!

Name	Changed to	Township
Bockhill	Rural Hill	Ellisburg
Collins Mills	Stone Mills	Orleans
Cornelia	Clayton	Clayton
DeLauney's Mills	Stamingville	
Fish Island	Dexter	Brownville
Flat Rock	Plessis	Alexandria
French Creek	Clayton	Clayton
Gravelly Point	Cape Vincent	Cape Vincent
Harrison	Rodman	Rodman
Leander	Pamelia	Pamelia
Lockport	Black River	Le Ray
Log Mills	LaFargeville	Orleans
Long Falls	Carthage	Wilna
Malta	Lorraine	Lorraine
Minos	Ellisburg	Ellisburg
Mudge's Mills	Omar	Orleans
New Port	Hounsfield	Hounsfield
Salisbury Mills	Henderson	Henderson
Shantyville (Shantzeville)	Orleans Four Corners	Orleans
Smiths Mills	Appling	

Workshops

The WorkPlace is pleased to announce the continuance of a series of workshops and assistance. All are free to the public but space is very limited. **Visit us at 1000 Coffeen Street or call 782-9252 (TTY 782-8093) to enroll.**

Resume Writing will be held April 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This workshop will cover the basics of resume writing, different types of resumes, and the elements of an effective resume. Participants will complete resume worksheets and there will be computers available to conduct a skills search as well as construct your personal resume in Microsoft Word. If you already have a resume, please bring it to the workshop for

“tweaking.” If not, try to bring your work history and a list of skills to help create your resume “from-scratch.”

We'll offer the **State and Local Employment** workshop on April 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn all about how to locate and apply to civil service and other opportunities with state and local governments.

The **Job Fair Preparation** workshop will be held April 4th and 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Learn about what to expect at a job fair & how to prepare yourself to make the best possible impression with employers.