

Our Mission:

you will

To prepare Indigenous youth and adults through education and training as they enter the world of work. We support individuals to become self sufficient by recognizing and promoting the importance of ability, culture and tradition.



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The parking areas at the Cattaraugus Office have changed as the construction of the new health center is going on.





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T.E.R.C. Around Territory

Training & Employment Resource Center Outread & Informational Table February 9th, 2024 10am~12noon C.I.R.H.C. Lobby 36 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving T.E.R.C. staff will be on site to share information on what services T.E.R.C. has to offer and answer questions. HSED/GED 477 Program Work Experience Vocational Rehabilitation Program • Youth Employment Training & Certifications ٠

- STC Construction Class , Career Readiness Workshops

TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER

Seneca Nation Wellness Center treac Thursday February, 15th, 2024 10am-12noon STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICES T.E.R.C. HAS TO OFFER AND ANSWER QUESTIONS! HSED/GED CLASSES, PRE-TEST, TESTING . 477 & VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS STC CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CLASS . YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AGES 14+ WORK EXPERIENCE, CAREER READINESS WORKSHOPS TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS



Allegany

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Valentine's Bake Sale

February 13th

@ Cattaraugus T.E.R.C. Office

23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving

10am-Until Sold Out



Various homemade baked goods will

be available!

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We would like to thank all the SN departments and SN employees that attended our Lunch & Learn on January 3rd. Keep an eye out for our

future event in April!

Lunch & Le

We invite Department Directors and Staff to come have lunch with us and learn about what services T.E.R.C. has

to offer!

January 3rd, 2024 12noon-1PM

Training & Employment Office 23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving RSVP if possible by December 27th 716.532.1033



FEBRUARY 13TH @ CATTARAUGUS TERC 2P-330P FEBRUARY 27TH@ CATTARAUGUS TERC 2P-330P CALL 716-532-1033 TO REGISTER *LIMITED SEATING* Basic Computer Classes has started! Get to know the basics of your computer. Open to the community. Classes are held in Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories.

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The Conference was held in Costa Mesa, California. The conference theme this year was TVR: Where Dreams Come True. TVR is said to be a safe place where Native participants can find support and encouragement to step into their dream job/career. The three days were filled with presentations and talking circles to help TVR staff gain as much knowledge as possible. A big benefit from CANAR, aside from the trainings, is being able to network and connect with other TVR staff from other tribes and our partners, such as Northwest Indian College and AIVRTTAC.



News from Allegany TERC!

Each month, Patti Brisley, Youth Svcs. Coord. has been going to the Salamanca High School to reach out to teenagers to share information about the TERC Program! Patti works with 14-24 y.o., she shares information about:

1. The YES Program (Youth Employment Services) which is an after-school employment program and a summer employment program

2. Supportive services available for 11th and 12th graders enrolled in BOCES programs - if they are enrolled in courses like cosmetology, nursing, or heavy equipment, where uniforms, shoes or boots, or kits are required, TERC can help with those!

3. Certificate programs upon graduation - not everyone wants to go to college, but there are certificate programs, that are one month long, 6 months, 1-2 years. TERC assists with tuition, books and supplies, and more to help youth and young adults reach their career and educational goals.

4. Other supportive services - going into the workforce upon graduating, one may need assistance to achieve goals. Some of those services are getting a drivers permit, childcare allowance, union fees, and much more.

5. Career Exploration & Career Readiness - if you are unsure of what you want to do or what careers are out there, TERC offers exploring fun, interactive activities to help find what career suits them and what is required to get there!

Vocational Rehabilitation Program - similar services available for youth with disabilities (a documented diagnosis must be current to establish eligibility). In the photo above - Alicia Sanford, VR Counselor attends the SHS outreaches - photo showing 'Trivia Game - Spin the Wheel' to win little prizes!

Come in and talk to your Youth Svc. Coordinator or VR Counselor if you are interested in any of these services! It's never too early or never too late to begin!

Patrice John is the Youth Services Coord. and Cindy Sanford is the VR Counselor for Catt. They can be reached at 716.532.1033.





The Winter YES Program began Dec. 11th for 12 weeks which is after-school youth employment program for 14 - 18 y.o. The youth were interviewed, selected, and placed in worksites that meet their career interests.

Another component of being in the YES Program is to attend workshops. Their first workshop is the Seneca Nation New Employee Orientation and the TERC Orientation. Other topics include career exploration and career readiness like Customer Service Skills, Soft Skills in the Workplace, and Dealing With Constructive Criticism. Another good workshop was Young People Workplace Safety that was specifically for NYS as it explained the Child Labor Laws, Workmen's Comp and other NYS regulations. This workshop was created by the Dept. of Labor, OSHA, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). After completion of each course, the youth receive certifications so at the end of the YES Program, they will have a portfolio of certificates!

For fun and to learn communication skills, interpersonal relationship skills, and teamworking skills, we play games like Pictionary, Taboo, Who Am I and other ice-breaker games.

Photographed above are 5 of the 6 youth holding some of their certs (and listing their worksites): Allison Jimerson (SINM), Nora Santiago (Education), Joella Jimerson (ACC Rec.), Izaias Dowdy (Education/SCC Recreation) and Tavares Taylor (Tribal Advocate). Missing from photo is Ava Crane (SINM).

Submitted by: Patti Brisley, Youth Svcs. Coord.

News from TERC – YES Program

January has been declared **National Mentoring Month** as stated by the Workforce GPS, a resource used by the TERC Department whose funding comes from the Dept. of Labor. Workforce GPS says "Each January, we unite as a community to recognize the dedicated mentors whose wisdom, guidance, and positive examples set new workers on a path to success, and to affirm the value of mentorship in the career trajectory of jobs-seekers and workers in our communities" – Jan. 2, 2024.

In recognition of this, TERC would like to honor *Hayden Haynes at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum/Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center*. For the past four years and beyond, Hayden has always offered the SINM as a worksite for the annual Summer and Afterschool YES Programs, each time taking on not only 1 but a handful of youth.

Youth are placed in worksites according to their career interests or what they want to pursue in college which with the SINM, include many facets: youth interested in learning Haudenosaunee history, culture, language, and traditions; youth interested in working in the arts, retail, business, customer service; youth interested in museum studies – archivists, curators, tour guides/educators, archaeology, historical preservation, etc.

Hayden has always been an advocate for our youth, our next generation, and the youth really love working and learning under him. Being an artist himself, the youth look up to him and the way he balances his personal time to commit to his artwork and to his role at the museum.

When TERC looks for departments to take youth, we want to commit to teaching youth what their department does and how it operates, to teach youth how they can contribute to the department, but more importantly, to take them under their wing, to really guide them, teach them, mentor them. A dedicated mentor is one whose wisdom, guidance and positive example sets youth on a path of success, and that is what Hayden is! Nyaweh Hayden!

Photographed are Ava Crane, current Winter YES 2023 program participant delivering the plaque to Hayden.



Y.E.S. Youth Employment Services

The winter cohort of the Y.E.S. has started. As the youth are off to their work sites and learning the world of work they also come in to do some Career Readiness Workshops. The GED/HSED instructor, Joanne Land helped out and did a Financial Literacy CRW's with them. Patrice John, the Youth Services Coordinator did Handling Criticism, Conflict Resolution, and Talking Safety CRW's with them.



Y.E.S. participants also learned the Restaurant business with a mock restaurant, TERC al a Carte. They learned about simple cooking, customer service, taking orders, money/bills, and other restaurant duties. The grilled cheese and tomato soup was delicious and the dining experience was very nice. Good Job everyone!

Al a Cartes

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S.T.C.

S.T.C. students have been busy in Steamburg at the S.T.C. Training Center. This is the second storage shed they built. This one was bult and delivered to the Allegany T.E.R.C. office.





THE NEXT S.T.C. COHORT STARTS IN APRIL! ITS NEVER TO EARLY OR LATE TO GET YOUR APPLICATION IN NOW!





Patti Brisley!

Allegany Youth Services Coordinator Patti has been smoke free for 1 year! Good job Patti! We're all very proud of you!



Gebruary



Keana!

STC Project Assistant

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY

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Happy 1 year

TERC-iversary

To our Budget Monitor/ Assistant Director,

Carrie Waterman!

