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WHAT IS CAREERZONE?

CareerZone (www.careerzone.ny.gov) is a no-cost, internet-based career exploration and planning system developed by the New York state Department of Labor. It offers direct access to detailed career and education information for more than 800 occupations. The CareerZone Portfolio provides a password protected account where youth save their career research, occupations of interest, and work/education history. Modules contained in the Portfolio guide youth in identifying their work interests, skills, and values while making connections to their academic and extracurricular activities. The assessment modules match youth to occupations that they can find detailed information about including daily tasks, wages, and employment outlook.

WHO USES CAREERZONE?

Youth are the primary users. Beginning with the Interest and Work Values tools, youth can explore potential careers and colleges. We offer middle school and high school Portfolio levels for youth in grades 6-12 and a young adult Portfolio level for youth no longer in high school. The Portfolio can help all youth make informed choices about their education to help create a meaningful plan for the future.

Educators can use the Instructional Tools button on the CareerZone landing page to access resources that help integrate CareerZone into the classroom and programs. Educators can take advantage of a lesson plan database and Facilitator's Guide. The lesson plan database provides engaging career development activities for youth. The lessons in the database align with the New York State Common Core learning standards. The Facilitator's Guide provides step-by-step directions for using all CareerZone components and provides tips to help integrate CareerZone into the classroom.

School Counselors can use CareerZone as an important component of a comprehensive school guidance program. CareerZone provides tools to help counselors stay current with in-demand occupations and developments in career planning. Community organizations, colleges, and public libraries can use CareerZone to introduce the principles of life-long learning and career development to job seekers.

WHAT OTHER FEATURES DOES CAREERZONE OFFER FUTURE JOB SEEKERS?

There are additional features in CareerZone to assist with planning for the future including the Dollars and \$ense budgeting tool. The Dollars and \$ense budgeting tool helps youth plan a budget based on lifestyle choices and on salaries of occupations of interest. Youth can also view real-time job openings as CareerZone is linked directly to the New York State Job Bank.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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