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["Made in NY" Production Assistant \(PA\) Training Program](#)

Category: - **Employment** | **Career Support** | **Vocational Training/Trade Schools**

The "Made in NY" Production Assistant (PA) Training Program is designed to provide individuals from diverse communities with training for entry-level positions in film production and access to employers in New York City's production industry, and to teach production assistants how to work collaboratively with local communities when they shoot on location throughout the five boroughs. The "Made in NY" PA Training Program is administered by NYC's Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME).

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Unemployed and low-income New York City residents.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS/ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM? "Made in NY" is an employment opportunity that requires a 2 year commitment. While no previous production experience is required, due to the competitive application process, there are multiple eligibility requirements (e.g, at least 18 years old, valid driver's license, etc.).

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. However, due to COVID-19, the "Made in NY" PA Training program is continuing information sessions online only. Please check "Made in NY" PA Assistant Training Program's website for up-to-date changes.

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[Accelerate Complete Engage \(ACE\) Program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice](#)

Category: **Education**

Accelerate Complete Engage (ACE) at John Jay is a comprehensive program designed to help students complete their academic journey to the bachelor's degree within four years. The program is based on the principles of the CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) model which assists students with earning degrees by providing a range of financial, academic and personal supports including intensive academic advisement, career counseling, tuition assistance, and subsidies for textbooks and transportation.

ACE Program Four-Year Benefits include:

- A free unlimited MetroCard monthly (up to \$968 per year)
- A textbook voucher to reduce the cost of textbooks (up to \$500 per year)
- A tuition gap waiver (for students in receipt of Pell or TAP)
- A personal Advisor and Career Specialist to guide your progress from entry to graduation
- Early registration options that help you get the classes you need that also fit your schedule
- Career development and academic support services

• Winter/summer course scholarships (up to \$1,650 for tuition/fees)

• Network with faculty and professionals in field of study

• Graduate school preparation

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Incoming freshman students who are NYC residents majoring in an ACE-eligible major. Other eligibility requirements are outlined under "ACE Selection Criteria."

HAS THE ACE PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Yes. The ACE Program is not recruiting or accepting new students for the 2020-2021 academic year. The contact number provided is a temporary remote phone number. Please check ACE Program's website for up-to-date changes.

ABOUT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: John Jay College of Criminal Justice is a community of motivated and intellectually committed individuals who explore justice in its many dimensions. The College's liberal arts curriculum equips students to pursue advanced study and meaningful, rewarding careers in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. John Jay's professional programs introduce students to foundational and newly emerging fields and prepare them for advancement within their chosen professions.

John Jay's students are eager to engage in original research and experiential learning, excited to study in one of the world's most dynamic cities, and passionate about shaping the future. Through their studies, students prepare for ethical leadership, global citizenship, and engaged service. Faculty members are exceptional teachers who encourage students to join them in pursuing transformative scholarship and creative activities. Through their research, faculty advances knowledge and informs professional practices that build and sustain just societies.

John Jay fosters an inclusive and diverse community drawn from the city, our country, and the world. John Jay is dedicated to educating traditionally underrepresented groups and committed to increasing diversity in the workforce. The breadth of John Jay's community motivates us to question our assumptions, to consider multiple perspectives, to think critically, and to develop the humility that comes with global understanding. John Jay educates fierce advocates for justice.

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ACT National College Admissions Examination

Category: **Academic Preparedness and Success Tools**

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English. Mathematics. Reading. Science.

HAVE ACT EXAMINATIONS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Some ACT examinations have been canceled and rescheduled. Students registered for upcoming ACT exams are emailed with updates on test center availability and capacity. Test center cancellations and frequently asked questions are now available on ACT's website.

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Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)

Category: **Education | - Employment**

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) presumes that all individuals with disabilities can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services and should have opportunities to work in jobs integrated within their communities. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors guide individuals through service programs needed to reach employment goals.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? All individuals with disabilities who want to work will have the opportunity to achieve employment and independence. Individuals should contact the ACCES-VR office in their respective borough (e.g., Bronx, Queen, Manhattan, Staten Island).

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. ACCES-VR is accepting applications. However, due to COVID-19, all ACCES-VR Orientation Sessions have been cancelled. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are available via email or telephone. Please check ACCES-VR website for up-to-date changes.

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Adult Learning Center (ALC) at Lehman College

Category: **Education | High School Equivalency**

For 30 years, the Adult Learning Center (ALC) at Lehman College has been one of the leading adult education programs in New York City. Every year, ALC provides approximately 800 adults, primarily from the Bronx, with free classes in the following subjects:

• Adult Basic Education (ABE)

• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

• TASC/High School Equivalency (HSE) Test Preparation

ALC's educational approaches value the diversity of ALC students, who come primarily from nearby Bronx neighborhoods and reflect an inclusive mix of Latina, African, Asian, and European heritages.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Individuals 18 years of age and older who are no longer enrolled in school.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to COVID-19, in-person classes, meetings and appointments have been suspended or moved online. For updates on CUNY's response to COVID-19, please visit www.cuny.edu/coronavirus. For additional resources to support students impacted by COVID-19, CUNY has provided "[CUNY Continuity for Students](#)." The video-conferencing platform being used allows teacher-student and student-student interaction from a computer, laptop or cellphone with internet access. For updates to Lehman College's response to COVID-19, please visit [here](#).

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Adult Learning Centers by the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE)

Category: **Academic Preparedness and Success Tools | High School Equivalency | - Assessments/Preparedness Tools | - Organization and Study Tools | Entry Exams | - Test Preparation**

Adult Learning Centers by the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE) provide information and advice on adult education classes and services.

WHAT IS ADULT EDUCATION?

• Over 800 free classes--see course catalog below

• For adults age 21 and over

• Held both during the day and evening, Monday through Saturday

• Based at more than 175 sites in all five boroughs,

• You can take classes anywhere in the city, regardless of which borough you live in.

• Taught by certified teachers

• Tuition-free

• Some classes require fees for textbooks, certification exams, and/or uniforms

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BASIC EDUCATION AND HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY?

• Basic Education classes address lower literacy levels in reading and math to prepare students for High School Equivalency classes (HSE).

• HSE classes prepare students for the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES DOES THE ADULT LEARNING CENTERS OFFER?

• English as a Second Language: Helps students build English language and reading skills

• Basic Education: Basic literacy and preparation for the High School Equivalency Assessment Exam

• High School Equivalency Classes: Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)

• Career and Technical Education with year-round courses in computer literacy, health careers, technology, auto mechanics, carpentry, plumbing and electrical training

WHO DO THESE PROGRAMS AIM TO SERVE? Adults aged 21 years and older in all five boroughs who do not have a

high school diploma or equivalency.

WHAT ARE LITERACY ZONES? Literacy Zones are drop in centers that can help families cope with the challenge of assimilating into a new culture and learning a new language. Literacy Zone staff can offer resources that help with housing, legal, medical, employment and other needs. There are four Literacy Zones:

• **BRONX:** The Bronx Literacy Zone (BxLZ): 3450 E Tremont Avenue, Room 302, Bronx, NY 10465, (718) 863-4057, extension 3021

• **MANHATTAN:** Mid-Manhattan Literacy Zone (MMLZ), 212 W 120th Street, Room 102, New York, NY 10027, (212) 666-1919, extension 1021

• **BROOKLYN:** Brooklyn Literacy Zone (BLZ), 475 Nostrand Avenue, Room 107. Brooklyn, NY 11216, (718) 638-2635, extension 1070

• **QUEENS:** Queens Literacy Zone (QLZ), 25-35 Jackson Avenue, Room 309, Long Island City, NY, 11101, (718) 361-9480, extension 3091

The High School Equivalency Central Processing Unit is located in the Brooklyn Literacy Zone (BLZ) and can be contacted via telephone at (718) 638-2635, extension 1208.

HAVE THESE PROGRAMS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Many in-person classes and events have been suspended until further notice. Students are encouraged to enroll in remote learning by emailing adultednyc@schools.nyc.gov or calling (646) 481-8227. For updates to the NYCDOE's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-update>.

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[**Aging in Place - How to Volunteer as a Senior**](#)

Category: **Health and Wellness | Volunteering**

Aging in Place is a resource hub for seniors and their families to learn more about the specific aspects of aging in place, such as staying mobile, home modifications, caregiving, maintaining a lifestyle, financial & legal needs and patient & in-home care. The "How to Volunteer as a Senior" article provides advice on how volunteering can improve the quality of life of seniors. Some senior-friendly organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

• American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

• Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America

• Boys and Girls Club of America

• Senior Corps

• Habitat for Humanity

• Junior Achievement

• Big Brothers and Big Sisters

• Peace Corps

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Seniors and caregivers.

HAVE AGING IN PLACE'S SERVICES BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No.

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[**Amazon Prime Student Membership**](#)

Category: **Text Books and School Supplies | - Used/Low-Cost**

College students are entitled to a free six-month membership of Amazon Prime, after which students can get Amazon Prime for half the cost. REMEMBER to cancel free trial before six-months is to avoid getting automatically enrolled (and charged) in Amazon Prime. Amazon Prime often get a free Amazon Prime membership, which includes free 2-day shipping on anything from Amazon. Very cheap used books are often available on Amazon. Amazon has almost every book in the world, and also e-books that can be read on computer, tablet, or Kindle.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? College students.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No.

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American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) - Accessibility Services

Category: **Disability/Acessibility Services**

The mission of American Musical and Dramatic Academy's (AMDA) Accessibility Services Office is to ensure that all students are afforded an equal opportunity to fully participate in and benefit from AMDA's unsurpassed performing arts education and diverse community of creative artists. AMDA believes that disability is an integral part of the diversity of experience that fuels creative excellence. Therefore, it is AMDA's goal to provide accommodations that remove access barriers and allow every student to reach their fullest potential.

COMMON ACCOMMODATIONS:

- â€¢ Extra time on tests
- â€¢ Alternate testing location
- â€¢ Tests in an alternate format
- â€¢ Use of assistive technology
- â€¢ Peer note-taker
- â€¢ Preferential classroom seating
- â€¢ Reduced class credit load
- â€¢ Movement/vocal modification
- â€¢ Performance modification
- â€¢ Ground-floor apartment
- â€¢ Visual alarm system
- â€¢ Emotional support animal
- â€¢ Modification of residence
- â€¢ Residence closer to AMDA
- â€¢ Mobility assistance

Other accommodations can be made in collaboration with the Office of Accessibility and the student.Â Their "Examples of Accommodations" section, towards the bottom of the page, is very useful in providing performance-based circumstances which could require accommodation, and what they will and won't provide for students.Â

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Students with disabilities, students with medical conditions, students with injuries and students with other issues who feel that small accommodations would help them be more successful in their education.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No.

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American Student Assistance (ASA)

Category: **Financial Aid**

American Student Assistance (ASA) is a private nonprofit dedicated to opening the gateway to opportunity by revolutionizing the way students approach, finance, and repay their higher education. ASA does this by providing student loan education, and enabling the development of financial competencies through the use of innovative web-based tools and trusted, neutral adviceâ€”all free of charge to students and alumni.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? College students with ASA-guaranteed federal student loans.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) is an authorized agent for ASA who can assist with managing ASA-guaranteed federal loans. For more information around how to prevent student loan default, call 800.298.9490 or email options@ecmc.org.

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Association of Community Employment (ACE) Programs for the Homeless

Category: **Housing**

The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless (ACE) provides job training, work experience and a lifetime support network to help men and women experiencing homelessness to achieve their goals and establish economic independence.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Men and women throughout New York City who have experienced homelessness, addiction or have been incarcerated.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. ACE Programs for the Homeless continues to feed New Yorkers in need and keep the city clean and safe.

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Bluestockings Bookstore: Activist Center and Fair-trade Caf  

Category: **Activism | Volunteering**

Bluestockings is a volunteer-run and collectively owned radical bookstore on the Lower East Side of Manhattan that seeks to empower all people to challenge oppression and participate in creating a society which is equitable, cooperative and free.   Bluestockings hosts a wide variety of free events such as book launches, lectures &   discussions, book clubs, parties, mixers, and more.

IS BLUESTOCKINGS STILL OPERATIONAL UNDER COVID-19? While Bluestockings remains operational, many events have moved from in-person to online (e.g., via Zoom). Please monitor Bluestocking's event calendar for specific details:

<http://bluestockings.com/calendar/>

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Bookshare Accessible eBook Library

Category: **Academic Preparedness and Success Tools | Disability/Acessibility Services | Assistive Technology | - Organization and Study Tools | Text Books and School Supplies | - Free | Remote Learning**

Bookshare, an initiative of Benetech, is an ebook library that makes reading easier. People with reading barriers (e.g., dyslexia, learning disabilities, visual impairments, physical disabilities, etc.) can customize their experience and read in ways that work for them.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? A person with a learning disability (e.g., dyslexia, etc.), low vision/blindness or a physical disability (e.g., unable to read standard print, etc.) qualifies for Bookshare as long as a competent authority confirms that the disability significantly interferes with reading. Examples of competent authorities include, but are not limited to the following:

     Special education teacher

     Learning disability, dyslexia or resource specialist

     School psychologist

     Family doctor

     Neurologist

     Optometrist/Ophthalmologist

WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR BOOKSHARE'S SERVICES? People with the following disabilities do NOT automatically qualify for Bookshare's services:

â€• Autism

â€• Intellectual disabilities

â€• Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

â€• Hearing loss

â€• Dysgraphia (inability to write coherently, as a symptom of brain disease or damage)

â€• Dyscalculia (disorder of mathematical abilities)

Bookshare provides a "[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)" guide to provide additional further guidance on how to utilize its services.

ARE BOOKSHARE'S SERVICES FREE? Bookshare is free for qualified US students of any age. International pricing applies to non-US students. [Adult members](#) can access Bookshare's services for a low annual fee. For further details, visit [here](#).

ABOUT BENETECH: Benetech is a nonprofit organization that builds and implements software for social good to create a more inclusive world with a focus on education, human rights and poverty alleviation. Learn more by visiting [benetech.org](#).

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[Brainfuse HelpNow by Queens Public Library](#)

Category: **Academic Preparedness and Success Tools | High School Equivalency | - Test Preparation | Tutoring and Outside Education Services | Remote Learning**

Brainfuse HelpNow is an on demand - anytime, anywhere - eLearning resource by Queens Public Library, and requires a Queens Public Library card and pin number.

HelpNow's features include:

â€• Homework Help: Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests.

â€• Skills-Building: Choose the topic to receive real-time help.

â€• Personalized eLearning Tools: My File Sharing, My Session Replay, My Tutoring Archive, My Tests Archive, and more!

â€• 24-Hour Writing Lab: Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.

â€• Homework Send Question: Submit homework questions for expert guidance.

â€• Adult Learning Center: Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more!

â€• Foreign Language Lab /Spanish-Speaking Support

Resources are available in English and Spanish. Live online tutoring is available every day from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM EST.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Queens Library Cardholders of all ages seeking academic assistance.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No.

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[Brooklyn Public Library \(BPL\)](#)

Category:

As an independent system, separate from the New York City and Queens libraries, Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) serves the borough's 2.5 million residents, offering thousands of public programs, millions of books and use of more than 1,100 free Internet-accessible computers.

HOW HAS BPL BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19? Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all BPL locations are currently closed. Some New York State library cards have been automatically renewed, due dates on some library materials have been

automatically extended and members with a blocked library card (due to accumulation of fines), will be able to access eBooks and audiobooks without restriction. Please check BPL's website for up-to-date changes.

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Brooklyn Public Library Adult Learning Centers

Category: **Education**

Brooklyn Public Library Adult Learning Centers provide free innovative educational programs for adult learners and speakers of other languages. Through books, technology and interactive classroom instruction taught by professional and friendly instructors and tutors, adults build the skills needed to meet their personal, educational and employment goals with an emphasis is on reading, writing, and High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation. There are five Adult Learning Centers with full-time professional staff and volunteers:

â€¢ Bedford Library Learning Center (718.623.2134)

â€¢ Central Library Learning Center (718.230.2191)

â€¢ Flatbush Learning Center (718.856.2631)

â€¢ Eastern Parkway Learning Center (718.778.9330)

â€¢ New Lots Learning Center (718.649.0417)

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? 17 years and older who are functioning below the high school level.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all BPL locations are currently closed but PRE-HSE classes are accessible online. To register, visit bit.ly/virtual-hse

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Brooklyn Public Library PRE-High School Equivalency (HSE) Classes

Category: **High School Equivalency**

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) offers free part-time PRE-High School Equivalency (HSE) classes online for individuals ages 17 and older to help prepare for the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) (General Educational Development (GED)) HSE test. In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, BPL has transitioned all spring in-person classes to an online or hybrid format. Hybrid classes are fully online with live virtual class meetings each week using Zoom. Online classes have pre-recorded lessons each week and guided assignments from the teacher. To register, visit bit.ly/virtual-hse. BPL can also assist with additional social services such as childcare referrals, housing assistance, learning how to connect with employment opportunities, navigating college and training programs [here](#).

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? New York State residents who are at least 17 years of age.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all BPL locations are currently closed but PRE-HSE classes are accessible online.

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Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI)

Category: **Education | - Employment**

Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI) helps jobless and working-poor New Yorkers start new careers with long-term potential and the chance for growth and advancement. BWI offers employment opportunities in multiple fields such as TV & film industry (e.g., production assistant (PA), post production), low-voltage cabling, woodworking and fabrication, caretaker and construction-related roles in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), commercial driving and other special training opportunities.

HOW HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19? BWI is actively enrolling trainees, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some programs have been suspended. Additionally, BWI has paused all in-person training, began delivering some programs remotely and developed their virtual training capacity. Please check BWI's website for up-to-date changes.

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[Campus Book Rentals \(CBR\)](#)

Category:

Campus Book Rentals (CBR) provides students with affordable textbooks, empowering more than a million students to study cheaper by providing a marketplace to rent out, sell or buy textbooks. CBR provides additional information on how to buy, rent, sell and use textbooks (e.g., highlighting books, returns, etc) in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide on their website www.campusbookrentals.com/get-help.

HAS CAMPUS BOOK RENTALS SUSPENDED SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19? No.

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[CareerOneStop \(formerly America's Career InfoNet\)](#)

Category: - **Employment**

CareerOneStop, formerly America's Career Infonet, is a U.S. Department of Labor resource that helps individuals explore career opportunities to make informed vocational choices. CareerOneStop's Toolkit features occupation information, salary data, career videos, education resources, self-assessment tools, and career exploration. Additional resources are available at local American Job Centers (AJC) which can be located here

<https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/AmericanJobCenters/find-american-job-centers.aspx>. To file for unemployment benefits, visit the Unemployment Benefits Finder here www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/Find-Unemployment-Benefits.aspx.

HOW HAS CAREERONESTOP BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19? Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many AJCs are temporarily closed or shifted to virtual or alternative services. To learn more about unemployment benefits and COVID-19 provisions, visit here www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/unemployment-benefits-finder-help.aspx.

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