



## The Town of Barnstable Youth Commission

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**BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION HOSTS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH JOB FAIR – VIRTUALLY!**  
**Applications Now Open for the Virtual Session on April 28<sup>th</sup> – FOR 14-17 YEAR OLDS ONLY!**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 6, 2021—Hyannis, MA)** Anyone between the ages of 14 and 17 can now sign up for the Barnstable Youth Commission's Virtual Youth Job Fair taking place all Spring virtually! Participants will have access to a Job Board dedicated to local businesses that have positions available to their age group. Additionally, a limited number of spots are available for the live virtual age group sessions at <https://bit.ly/3cQ6a2t>. Two virtual sessions on April 28th will take place, one for 14-15 year olds and one for 16-18 year olds. Participating businesses will be on hand to introduce themselves and offer their input and advice for first time jobseekers; and for those who take advantage of the Job Board's opportunity to fill out an application in advance, businesses will be able to use the virtual sessions as a mini-interview. Professionals at Mass-Hire will give input on labor laws and how to obtain your work permit; and they will be available for businesses on questions about their compliance and information about other workforce training services they might not know about.

The Barnstable Youth Commission, in coordination with the Barnstable Recreation Division of the Community Services Department and the Economic Development Program of the Planning & Development Department, as well as Barnstable High School and Mass-Hire is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Job Fair virtually for an extended run through June this year. Due to the ongoing gathering restrictions, it was not possible to use the gymnasium at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center this year, so the Youth Commission came up with an idea to allow businesses to interact with eager first time job seekers in a different sort of way, and over an extended time so more businesses and students can participate. ***Businesses that hire applicants at ages 14-17 and are interested in participating should sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vbUnTg>***

The Barnstable Youth Commission (BYC) is a group of students representing Barnstable High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Sturgis Charter Public High School (East and West campuses), St. John Paul II High School, and Sandwich High School. The BYC's members are appointed by the Town Council and advised by members of the community. The BYC works with the staff of the Community Services Department's Recreation Division. Their goal is to work with town officials, appointed and elected, towards furthering the goals of the Youth and making the Town a better place for the Youth of today and tomorrow. Accomplishments include producing the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Summit and Community Substance Abuse Prevention Forum; presenting and facilitating the One Love Foundation program which ensures everyone understands the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship to the Barnstable High School community; working with state agencies to conduct the annual youth survey on homelessness; and more. More information is available at <https://townofbarnstable.us/departments/youthservices/> or Patti Machado, Youth Services Program Director can be reached at [patti.machado@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:patti.machado@town.barnstable.ma.us) or 508-790-6345.

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