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St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau Seeks Teen Leaders

Canton, NY. The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau seeks teens to become members on its Youth Committee. The Youth Committee meets monthly, with the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau staff, to assess youth needs, prioritize teen-led programs and initiatives, and plan events.

“This is a great opportunity for teens to become involved in youth-led initiatives which positively impact the lives of youth in St. Lawrence County. This year, we are focusing on meeting the social-emotional needs of youth. We are partnering with the US Attorney’s office and will be launching a teen-led campaign focusing on preventing online extortion, best online practices, and suicide prevention,” commented Alexa Backus, St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau Director.

The Youth Committee meets monthly via Zoom making attendance convenient for teen’s busy schedules. This year, most meetings will be offered on Sunday afternoons to avoid school extracurricular and sports schedule conflicts.

“We want our county youth to have a voice, have an impact in making decisions, and gain leadership skills. This year, teens will have the opportunity to work closely with agencies such as the US Attorney’s office and WPBS TV. Teens who have a passion for making a difference, are motivated to support topics such as suicide awareness, are natural leaders, in front of peers, are encouraged to contact us,” added Backus.

Backus also adds, “We want to see all county high schools represented on our Youth Committee. This allows noticeable student body representation which drives a greater impact during our student-led initiatives. We encourage educators, school administrators, and guidance counselors to refer student leaders to us.”

The following schools need Youth Committee Ambassadors: Canton, Clifton-Fine, Edwards-Knox, Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington, Massena, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Morristown, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg, Parishville-Hopkinton, and St. Lawrence Central.

Interested teens, ideally grades 8-11, can email Alexa Backus at ABackus@stlawco.org or call 315.379.9464 to request a Bio Data sheet.

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