General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) that the Office for New Americans (ONA) offers the Professional Pathways Program as a resource for non-citizens looking to start their career path in New York State (NYS). This program connects professionally focused non-citizens with access to career coaching, industry-specific training, and job search support. The services offered include resume assistance, job interview preparation, career planning, networking opportunities, trainings and courses, and support and guidance. These services provided through the Professional Pathways Program are free and offered virtually.

Non-citizens must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the Professional Pathways Program:

- Arrived in the U.S. within the last 10 years;

- Are a current resident of New York State;

- Speak English at a moderate level; and

- Have work authorization, and a visa or status from the Professional Pathways Program Accepted Visas list.

For more information regarding eligibility and program offerings, please visit https://www.professionalpathwaysprogram.org.

If you have any questions regarding the Professional Pathways Program, please contact Office for New Americans at (800) 566-7636 Monday through Friday 9AM to 8PM (ET), excluding federal holidays.