



## Joint Youth Commission Seeks Volunteer Board Members

October, 2016

### **Do YOU have three hours a month to be a force to support local youth in building important life and job skills?**

Please consider contributing your talents to the Joint Youth Commission. The JYC has openings for representatives from the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline and Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights. The Joint Youth Commission evaluates youth needs and makes funding recommendations to the JYC municipalities for programs to meet these needs. Programs are provided by trained professionals employed by local agencies who report regularly to the JYC. In 2015, 290 youth were served in JYC programs.

The JYC focuses on middle school and high school age youth and has two broad priorities for its programs:

- First Time Employment, Employment Training, Career Exploration, Apprenticeships
- Youth Development, Life and Social Skills, Healthy Lifestyles and Decision Making

Applicants for our current vacancies must reside in either the Town of Ithaca, Town or Caroline, Village of Cayuga Heights, or Village of Lansing. Parents who have youth of middle or high school ages have historically been a good fit for this opportunity but we welcome any interested resident.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Ithaca Town Hall.

Please email Kris Bennett ([kmbennett@tompkins-co.org](mailto:kmbennett@tompkins-co.org)) or Karyn Scott ([irisjumper@yahoo.com](mailto:irisjumper@yahoo.com)) for more information. We invite you to attend one of our meetings to check out whether this important volunteer opportunity is for you.