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PathStone Increasing DOL Services into Maine

- PathStone's geographical footprint expanding direct services in State of Maine -

ROCHESTER, NY – PathStone Corporation is increasing its participant base by providing direct services in the State of Maine. PathStone currently provides services in seven states and Puerto Rico. Maine becomes PathStone's eighth state where direct services are provided to participants.

The United States Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration awarded this services grant to PathStone on June 25, 2021. DOL's continued partnership with PathStone supports its ability to widen its breadth of service delivery. PathStone will be the grantee of this award for 4-years.

PathStone's team for these services is led by Jeffrey Lewis, *Senior Vice President of Direct Services*. PathStone will also soon have a *Regional Administrator* overseeing this program directly onsite in Maine. PathStone anticipates having offices in Aroostook County and in Hancock County. Its service scope would include the entire state. PathStone plans to hire two full-time and one part-time employees.

"We thank the U.S. Department of Labor for recognizing our dedication and expertise in delivering these services and meeting these workers' needs. We are grateful to be able to provide the necessary services for agricultural workers and employers in the state of Maine," Lewis said.

The goal of the DOL National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Career Services and Training program is to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents in acquiring the skills needed to retain jobs. This also includes assisting with the opportunity to advance in the agricultural industry or start new careers that provide livable wages and stable year-round employment.

PathStone trains migrant and seasonal farmworkers for employment both in and out of agriculture. Specifically, PathStone helps youth with educational preparation for employment and placement, and also assists with pesticide health and safety training. In addition, PathStone provides emergency and support services for qualified individuals.

PathStone's website: www.pathstone.org, and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pathstonecorp/>

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About PathStone:

PathStone is a Rochester, NY based non-profit community development and human services organization, that provides services to low-income families and economically distressed communities throughout New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Vermont, and Puerto Rico. It is a NeighborWorks America Chartered Organization and a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

About PathStone's Direct Services Division:

For workforce development, PathStone delivers quality career and employment services that enhance the skills, performance, and potential of individuals, leading to meaningful employment in desired career pathways. PathStone provides a range of education and health services designed to promote and enhance lifelong learning, healthy living, and employability for eligible individuals and families.