Boosting Youth Workforce Readiness

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Public Libraries: Partners in Workforce Development

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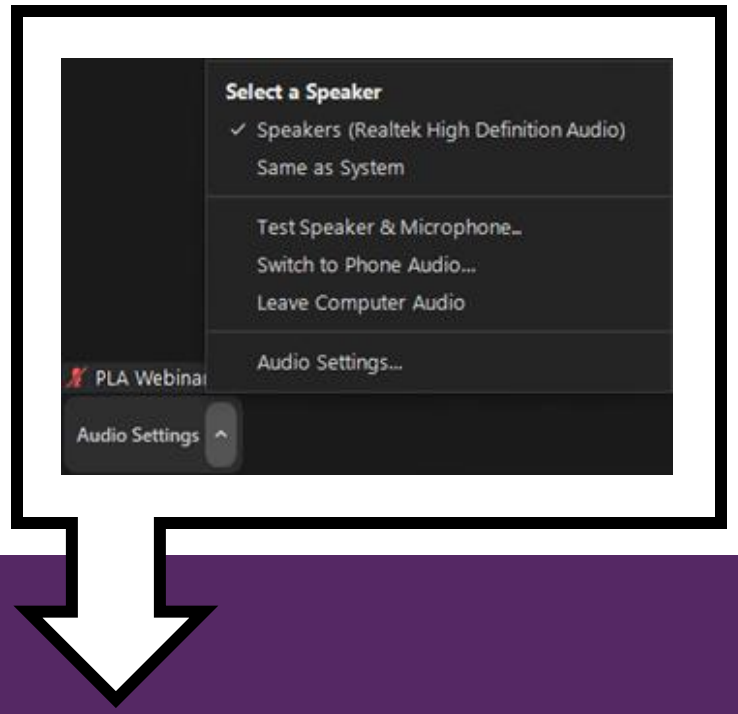

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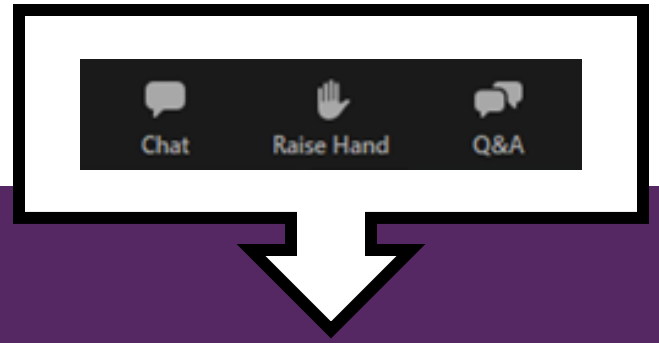

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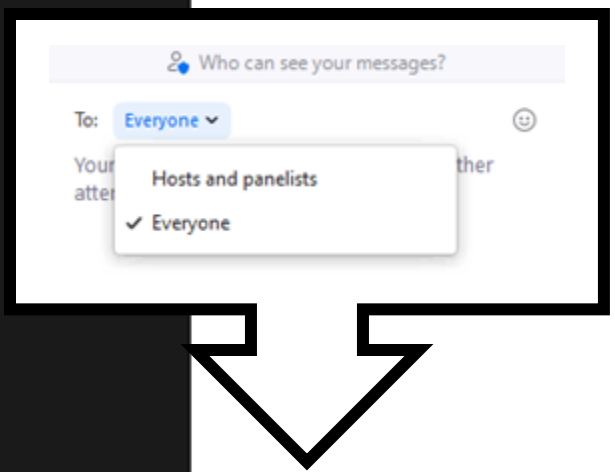

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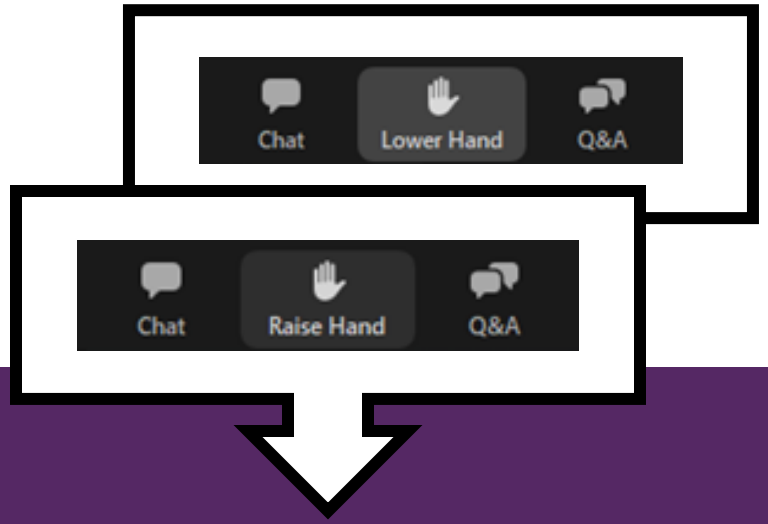

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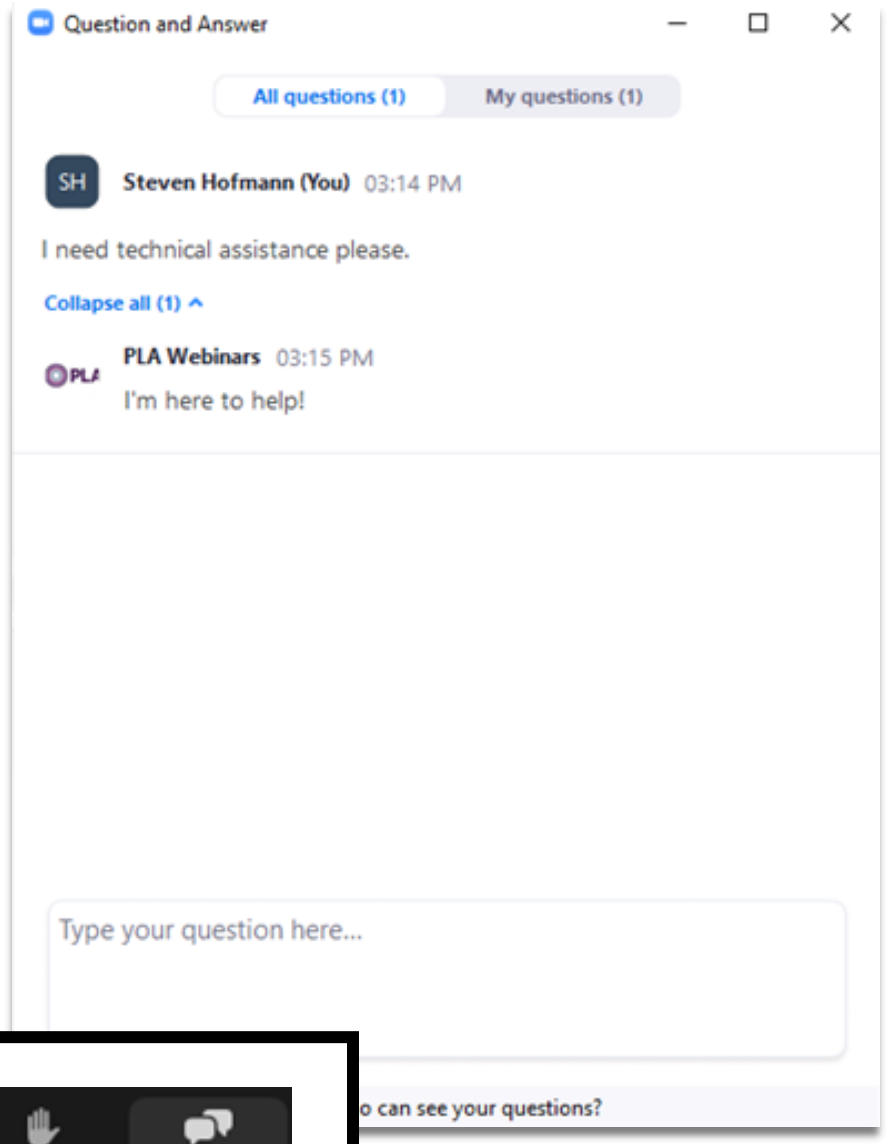

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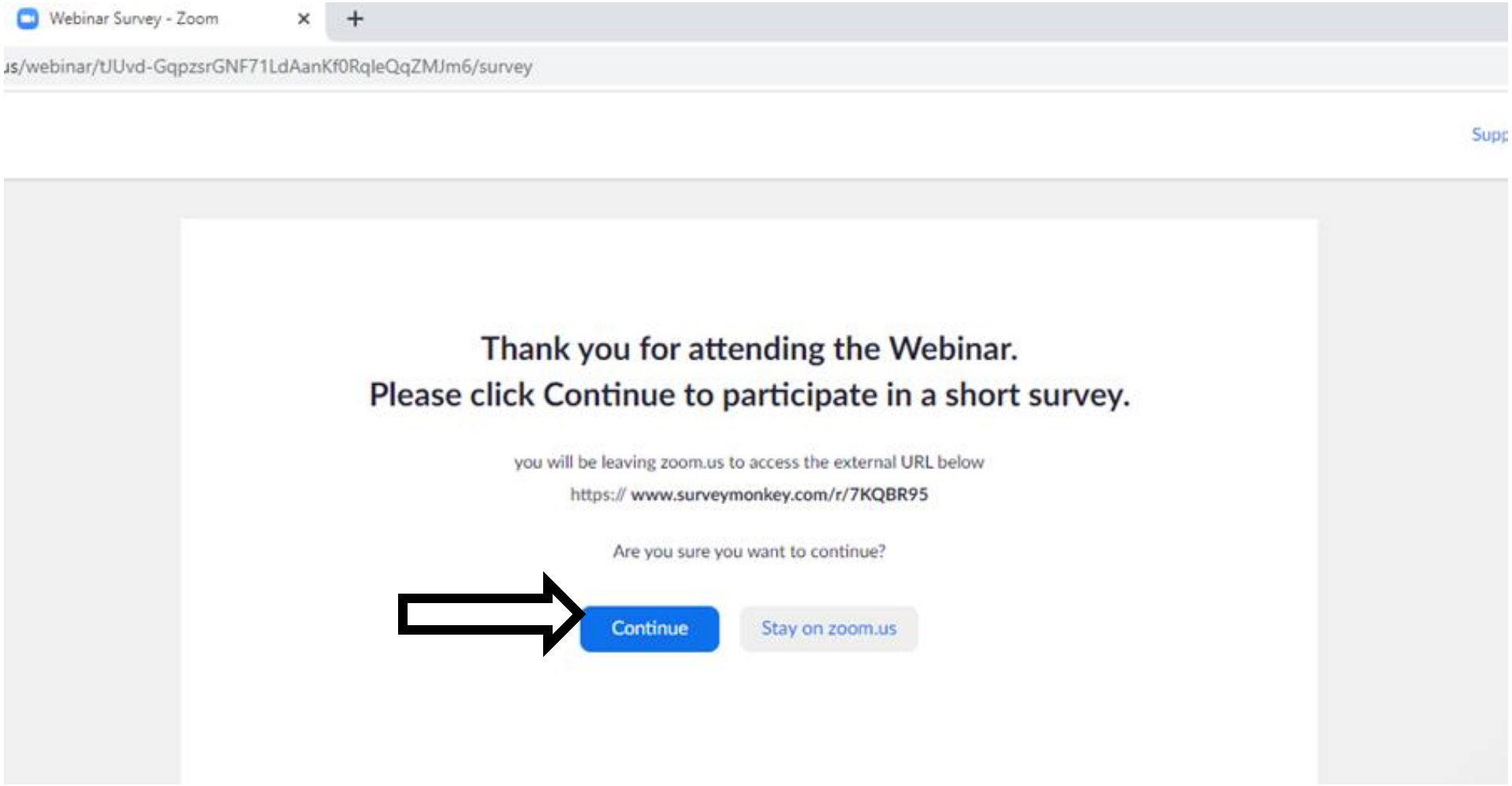


Series Overview

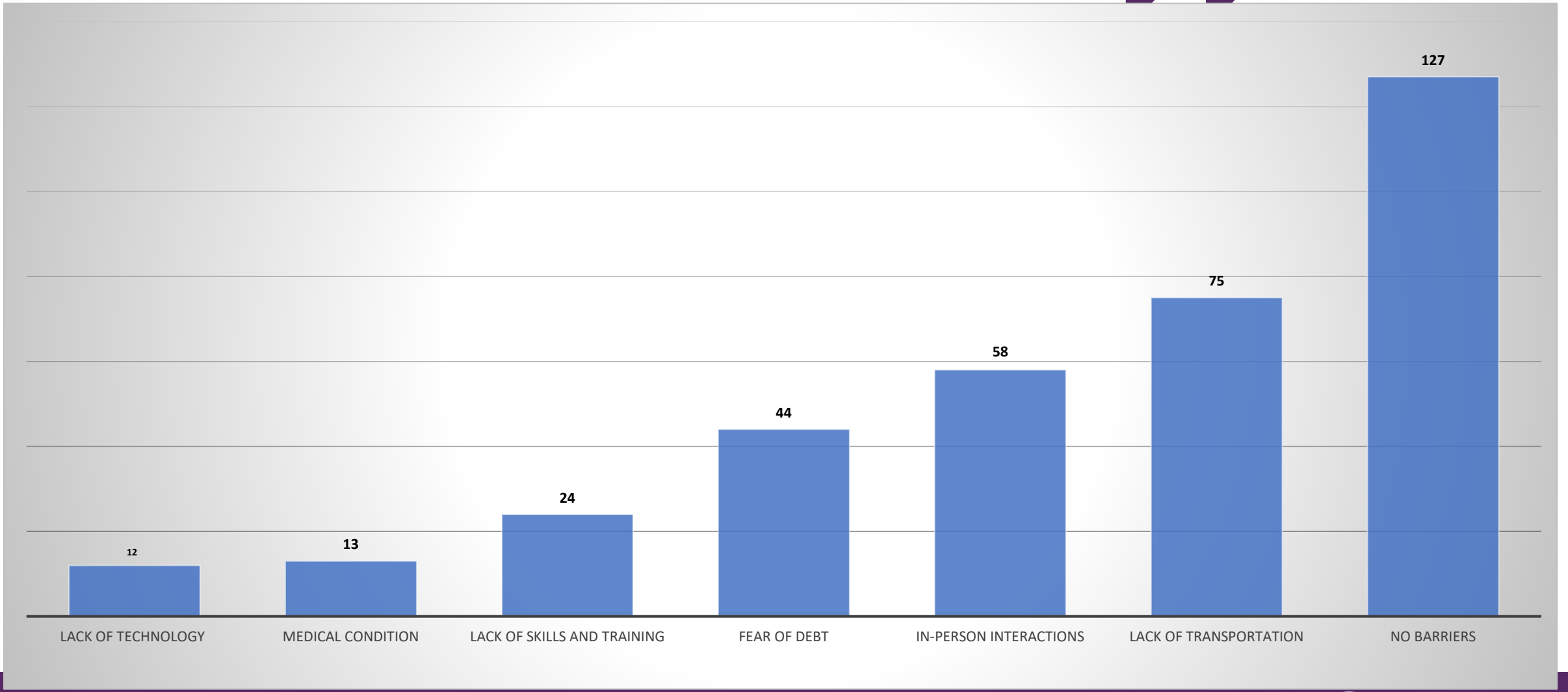
PLA is collaborating with Libswork on the *Public Libraries: Partners in Workforce Development* webinar series with the following goals:

- Establish and promote relevant resources, tools, and training for library and workforce partners to strengthen services;
- Increase staff awareness of the workforce ecosystem, program and service options, and potential collaborators and funders;
- Increase staff confidence and likelihood to (co)develop and/or expand workforce and career services;
- Document and share successes.

Youth Voices from Maine

- Survey conducted by Youth Committee for the Northeast Workforce Development Workforce Board, one of three regional workforce boards in Maine.
- About 200 young people responded to the survey earlier this year:
  - Five Maine counties represented, with 70% from Aroostook
  - Predominantly rural
  - Evenly split on gender of respondents; average age was 17
  - 64% of respondents were employed; 36% unemployed
- The majority of respondents reported no barriers to employment, with fear of debt as the top barrier for those currently employed.

Youth Barriers to Workforce Engagement



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