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Summer Youth Employment Program 2009

The United States Department of Labor, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) recently received funding enacted by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), in which \$1.2 billion is dedicated to providing WIA Youth activities including Summer Youth Employment Programs. Planning for summer 2009 begins **NOW**. Funding available to Tarrant County for a 2 year period will support services to approximately 700 youth during the summer of 2009 and approximately 500 youth during the summer of 2010.

The Summer Youth Employment and Career Experiences Program will enhance youth employability competencies (job readiness, work maturity, entry level, occupational skills, career awareness) and prepare youth to ultimately obtain productive unsubsidized employment. Youth must be between the ages of 14 and 24 years old and meet low income eligibility requirements. Work experience should be a six to twelve week position (June – August) working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Becoming a Youth Employment worksite is an excellent way to mold our future workforce and to give opportunities to work in structured environments - such as community camps, senior centers, schools, libraries, recreational facilities, and with private sector employers representing high growth industries. These experiences have promoted the youth's understanding of work ethics and employer expectations.

Youth worksites will need to provide:

- * Participant exposure to careers in high growth industries
- * Willingness and capacity of the worksite to integrate workplace learning (Skills for Success) into the tasks each trainee carries out as part of his/her job
- * Variety of tasks, duties, and skills to be performed
- * Close supervision of the youth at the worksite providing consistent support and feedback on their performance and growth
- * Adhere to workplace safety guidelines

A meaningful work experience is the core component of summer employment program and must be age appropriate. Participating worksites should introduce and enforce the rigors, demands, rewards, and sanctions associated with holding a job. Consequently, work experience should be structured to impart measurable communication, interpersonal, decision-making and learning skills that may lead to successful career choices. Participants may also be eligible for support services and technical skills training opportunities to further their career advancement and/or referral to participate in year-round youth activities.

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