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New York, Brooklyn: Youth Learning and Utilizing Their Agricultural Skills

Nearly 50,000 youth are participating in the New York City Summer Youth Employment Program. Of these participants, several youth are learning agricultural skills and working at Red Hook Farm in Brooklyn, New York. This summer youth employment program targets youth who are court involved with significant barriers to employment. Red Hook is a working farm in which youth are learning and utilizing basic agricultural skills. Activities include: building and planting prep beds, seeding, weeding, raking, and packaging and selling produce at the weekly farmer's market. In addition to these agricultural skills, youth are learning about horticulture, recycling, energy and water conservation. There are also several work readiness skills being taught such as team work, management skills, goal-setting and strong work habits. Some positions are expected to lead to full-time and part-time positions for participants after the summer.

Ohio, Cleveland: Over 6,300 Youth Working in Demand Industries

The "Just About Jobs - Summer Youth Employment Initiative" is providing 6,376 youth with summer employment opportunities in a variety of work experiences. The program targets individuals who are economically disadvantaged and/or face specific barriers to employment and education. The program is utilizing a mix of public, not-for-profit and private-for-profit work experience opportunities, which allows for a rich experience and wide exposure to demand industries such as: healthcare, construction, manufacturing and retail/service. Youth are gaining specific work experience in areas such as: landscaping, food service, research, green jobs, maintenance, customer service, painting, and community work. All private sector worksites such as TJ Maxx and State Farm Insurance have agreed to either hire youth at their own expense after six weeks if appropriate, provide non-subsidized work experiences in addition to their subsidized experiences, or hire youth in the future. In addition, several companies such as The Cleveland Clinic Health System and Turner Construction have agreed to hire youth at their own expense without also receiving subsidized youth positions.

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Rhode Island, Warwick: Over 900 Youth Gain Work Experience in Top Industry Sectors

The Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island has provided 909 youth with summer work opportunities at over 400 different work sites across the state. At one work site, the Warwick Career Tech Center, youth participate in a ten week program in four industry sectors. The industry sectors offered are: construction, hospitality & tourism, information technology and financial services. All programs expect to incorporate “green technologies” as part of the delivery of youth instruction. The participants receive training in all industry sectors, work readiness skills, industry internships and a community project. Work activities involve culinary work, financial services, computer training and construction. One green project which has truly inspired the students entailed Career Tech transforming a 1981 Chevy pick-up truck into a totally electric vehicle.

Washington, Spokane: 406 Youth Involved in Green Collar Jobs – Making a Documentary and Learning Organic Gardening

The Next Generation Zone has multiple host sites for SYEP, primarily with organizations offering green collar work opportunities and those that match the youth to areas of career interest. Such worksites include: the North by Northwest Production Company and Riverfront Farms. Some SYEP youth with barriers to employment, under the supervision of staff at the North by Northwest Video Production Company, are learning about all aspects of documentary production —interviewing, filming, editing— to complete a short documentary production of the Spokane Area Summer Youth program. Other youth at the Riverfront Farms are involved in green collar jobs and are learning organic gardening, marketing, and customer relations skills by turning their vacant neighborhood lots into gardens and selling the produce at the local Farmer’s Market.

North Carolina, Charlotte: A Plethora of Work Opportunities Made Available for 360 Youth

The Centralina Workforce Development Board is providing a multitude of work experiences for a diverse group of 360 youth. Youth participate in a one-week work readiness training program and are then placed in work opportunities based upon their interests, aptitudes, and employer selection. There is an array of work sites which include: the North Carolina Research Campus, where youth assist with conducting chemistry measures of proteins by separating DNA in plants and fruits; Good Will Industries, where youth assist with processing donations, pricing merchandise, and assisting customers; and the Salisbury Rowan Community Action Agency (SRCAA) where youth assist with installing weatherization materials and vapor barriers, sealing cracks in walls and window casings, and cleaning sealing ducts around ventilation outlets. Summer youth employment positions range from research assistants, camp counselors, library assistants, to weatherization assistants. Participants are also involved in the World of Science program which focuses on many opportunities available for youth related to engineering technologies, electrical and mechanical engineering, green jobs, and alternative energy sources.



Statewide Idaho: Building a New Generation of Over 200 Youth Conservationists

This summer, 208 youth are gaining valuable land and water conservation work experiences across the state of Idaho. The Idaho Youth Conservation Corps is sponsoring natural resource related work across the State within its communities. Thirty-nine (five to seven person) SYEP work crews are learning how to function as part of a team, gaining a sense of pride in the communities and public lands they are working on, and learning transferable work skills. Similarly, SYEP youth in Meridian, Idaho are learning about habitat and streamside restoration while working to restore the habitat at Five Mile Creek. Youth in these programs are provided work experiences related to: land conservation; fire prevention; creating green belts; improving wildlife habitat; revitalizing public lands; maintaining recreational areas; water management; and stream restoration. These programs are facilitating the introduction of the next generation of employees to State and Federal natural resource agencies and the work they do.

North Dakota, Fargo: Providing 105 Youth the Opportunity to Explore Many Career Fields

Approximately 105 youth participants were placed in summer youth experiences in career fields ranging from information technology, marketing, medical research, landscaping and grounds keeping, to social service. Targeted youth included pregnant youth, rural populations with limited options for employment, and individuals with disabilities. There are a variety of positions held by youth which include: IT assistants, where youth provide basic IT help, installing, configuring and optimizing computer systems; marketing assistants, where youth provide maintenance of an E-bay account, trimming and fertilizing ads, and researching and developing products; and grounds keeping and building maintenance assistants, where youth are painting, taping and texturing sheetrock, general carpentry, cleaning buildings, mowing and trimming, landscaping, and providing customer service. A number of participants have very strong potential of being employed after their work experience.

Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: Youth Working in IT, Graphic Design and Environmental Research

The Temple University Information Technology and Society Research Group (ITSRG) Environmental Research Internship program is providing 80 high school students with opportunities to work collaboratively with several campus entities in technology related jobs created specifically to enhance their skills in the areas of information technology, graphic arts, e-communication, and research. The program emphasizes placements in environmental research and public health settings. Program participants have the opportunity to work with researchers involved in: the remediation of the Exxon Valdez oil spill; social media research to foster awareness of community arts; environmental education in the Fairmount Park system; using digital media to advance health research; using information technologies for creating maps of local community resources; and social media projects of the data sets gathered in the centers.

Colorado, Adams County: Youth Working to Improve the Environment

Adams County's SYEP is serving 274 participants at nearly 100 worksites. Adams County has partnered with the Division of Wildlife in Denver and Colorado State Parks in Brighton to provide work experiences to economically disadvantaged and basic skills deficient youth. Participants are learning about responsibility and ownership of choices impacting the environment while also learning clerical, customer service, written and oral communication, math and science, and work readiness skills. At the Colorado State Park worksite, employment activities include: assisting with environmental education, customer service, documenting customer feedback, and clerical activities. Youth at the Division of Wildlife are assisting with maintenance, grounds keeping and an angler's education program.



Virginia, Alexandria: Youth Gaining Woodwork Experience While Contributing to Water Conservation Efforts

In 2008, the Alexandria Virginia City Council adopted the Eco-City Charter, which outlines the vision and guiding principles for Alexandria to become an Eco-City. In keeping with the City's commitment to environmental conservation, sustainability and creating employment opportunities that honor that commitment, the Alexandria Youth Employment Program collaborated with the Alexandria Court Services Unit, Alexandria City Public Schools and the Alexandria Seaport Foundation to provide a "Green Opportunity" for some of the City's hardest-to-serve youth. The ARRA Summer Work Experience "Green Apprenticeship" program provides coordinated services targeting youth offenders, youth with disabilities and youth who are homeless. The program puts academics to practice in the Seaport Foundation woodworking shop. Students are constructing a wooden cistern to be used on the roof of the T.C. Williams High School, a recently constructed building that received a Green Innovation Award in the Best Institutional Project category during the Virginia Sustainable Building Network's recent annual meeting. The Green Apprenticeship Project's cistern will sit on the school's garden rooftop to collect rainwater and air conditioner condensate to be recycled in the building.

Selected Summer Youth Employment Highlights Across the U.S.

Week of August 10, 2009



**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	New York City Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Red Hook Farm
Location:	Red Hook Brooklyn, NY
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Employment Worksite
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding - \$66.3million (Please see unique and exemplary attributes section for an explanation of the funding for this worksite) • Recovery Act funding - \$18.5 million (WIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSBG Stimulus - \$8.7m • Other funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Tax Levy - \$13.8m ○ NY State TANF -\$19.3m ○ WIA-In School - \$3.0m ○ CSBG - \$3.0m
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 1, 2009 to August 15, 2009 • Up to 25 hours per week • 16 hours of educational classes over the course of the summer provided to all participants including financial literacy and work readiness activities. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of youth to be served: 51,216 total for the local area • Number participating to date: 49,571 enrolled • Total number planned for Red Hook Farm was 17. There are 14 currently active; of which 2 are ARRA funded. <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York City residents • Age 14 to 24 - program targets youth who are court involved and with significant barriers to employment. <p>NYC At-Large Worksites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksites run the gamut including, but not limited to: government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations. <p>Types of Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and utilizing basic agricultural skills • Building and planting prep beds • Seed, weed, rake, turn and sow • Packaging and selling produce at weekly farmer's markets • Cultivating and picking produce <p>Connections to Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 16 hours is devoted to education topics such as Work Readiness, Financial Literacy, Career Exploration, College and Post Secondary Education Options and Health Education. <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Exploration and College and Post Secondary Education Options are included topics in the SYEP educational component

	<p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some positions expected to lead to full-time and part-time positions for participants after the summer • Many participants are returning to school post-summer <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Green” jobs – horticulture, recycling, energy and water conservation • Education producing and consuming food • Learning to manage all aspects of a Farmers Market • Development of good work habits, needed pace for work and goal setting to complete tasks on time • Learn cooking skills, health and nutrition • Learn team work <p>Summary of Media Coverage of Summer Youth Employment Activities in the Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majora Carter's “The Promised Land” will air on Labor Day weekend. http://www.thepromisedland.org • On site shots of Red Hook Farm to be featured in <i>Truck Farm</i>, a documentary by Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis • Local CBS affiliate-will air on August 14 • Blog - http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/22/on-governors-ian-organic-farm-with-a-view/
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>The Department of Youth and Community Development receives all WIA youth funding. DYCD was operating summer programming prior to receipt of ARRA funds, using Office of Temporary Disability Assistance funds, as well as City Tax levy funding for the majority of their programming. Some WIA funds prior to the summer of 2009 were only used to provide subsidized employment for in school youth who were participating in WIA services year round. NYC has a unique service delivery design for its summer programs; the City has a year round RFP for year round and summer youth contracts, and as a result there is not a contract per worksite. Non-profits applied to provide summer employment services and were awarded contracts with a number of youth they would be line item reimbursed to serve.</p> <p>Costs are itemized according to a formula including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7.25 per youth per hour for summer employment • Plus 10% administrative costs and some additional funds as detailed in the contracts for supplies. <p>Once the contractors were in place, youth applied to the summer program of choice and contractor. After determining eligibility, contractors identified worksites for all of the youth to be served under their contract. Youth who were funded under different contracts may work at the same site. For example, the City Parks employed over 320 youth for the summer through multiple contractors. DYCD has successfully paid each youth biweekly by uploading their paychecks onto debit cards. DYCD also uses ARRA funds to pay workman’s compensation for all youth.</p> <p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Hook Farm is a working farm. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIA funds will target participants who are low income, disabled, court involved or disconnected from school. <p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC Trust • Rockefeller Foundation • Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of Education-for in-kind space at school <p>Partnerships with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYC Parks Department• Supply food to five restaurants of which three are in Red Hook.
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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	Just About Jobs – Summer Youth Employment Initiative
Location:	City of Cleveland and Surrounding Cuyahoga County, OH
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding - \$8,650,000 • Recovery Act funding - \$6,400,000 (74% of total project funding) • Other funding - (Cuyahoga County Commissioners - \$850,000; Mayor of Cleveland - \$500,000; The Cleveland Foundation - \$150,000, WIA Year-Round Youth Funds \$750,000)
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP was released on April 10, 2009. Youth Committee evaluated and rated proposals, and recommended contracts for the 8 service providers operating the program which were approved by the WIB on May 15, 2009. • The program runs through September 30, 2009. • Program Design: 6 weeks of employment/20 hours per week/\$7.30/hour. • Youth are placed at employment sites within the government, non-profit and private sectors. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,376 youth total • 4,600 youth will receive a summer job via ARRA funding • 1776 youth will receive a summer job via other funding streams <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth ages 14-24 who are economically disadvantaged and/or face specific barriers to employment and education. • In general, the target is to serve 60% City of Cleveland youth and 40% suburban Cuyahoga County youth. <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Centers in Cleveland and some inner ring suburbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job Description: Answer phone and staff front desk, greet guests, serve as recreation aides for programming offered to younger youth, maintenance and light labor chores • Green Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job Description: Neighborhood and community beautification through planting of gardens, creating green space, painting or cleaning public areas • Educational and Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job Description: Youth learn skills such as mural painting, performance arts, entrepreneurship and culinary arts. • Community Based Organizations and projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job Description: Many community based organizations are providing summer camps, neighborhood outreach and education initiatives, senior programming or tutoring. Youth serve in a variety of capacities such as Junior Camp Counselors, office aides, tutoring younger youth, assisting with neighborhood outreach projects. • School Districts – Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and some inner-ring suburbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job Description - Youth assist custodians with preparing schools for the upcoming school year and general maintenance/labor positions or in some cases work as office helpers.

- Private Sector subsidized
 - Job Description: All private sector worksites have agreed to either hire youth at their own expense after six weeks if appropriate, provide non-subsidized work experiences in addition to their subsidized experiences, or hire youth in the future. Examples include: TJ Maxx, Marshalls, local supermarkets, CVS, Tom Paige Catering, Designer Walls, Montifeore Home and State Farm Insurance. Example of types of jobs youth have been given include: retail clerk, administrative assistant, shelver, healthcare research, insurance agent assistant, file clerk/legal, accounting clerks, bank assistants, human resource assistants, data entry positions.
- Private Sector NOT subsidized
 - Examples: Several companies have agreed to hire youth at their own expense without also receiving subsidized youth - Cleveland Clinic Health System, University Hospitals, Turner Construction, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and Cain Park. Examples of types of jobs youth have been given include: greeters, patient transporters, customer service, office assistants, maintenance workers, landscapers, researchers, laundry assistants, data entry positions, food service assistants, and tour guides.

Connections to Academics Embedded in the Summer Activities

- Contextual learning as it relates to job assignment. Skills honed include math, science, reading, writing, communication, information technology, and horticulture/green job skills development
- Advanced education exposure via post-secondary job placement
- Post-secondary worksite partners include: Cleveland State University, Baldwin Wallace College and Cuyahoga Community College

Career and Education Pathways

- Youth were asked about career interests at orientation and affiliated placements were made whenever possible.
- Youth are exposed to job search techniques, soft skills development and career pathways.
- A variety of employment placements across various employment sectors allows for a rich experience and wide exposure to demand industries. Demand Industries include:
 - Healthcare
 - Construction
 - Manufacturing
 - Retail/Service
- The following is a breakdown of youth employment placements across 4 sectors:
 - City of Cleveland: 1,149
 - Other Govt. Entities: 2,077
 - Non-Profit: 2,026
 - Private Sector: 1,124
 - Total Employed: 6,376

Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment

- Eligible youth will be enrolled in year-round WIA youth or adult programming, as appropriate and as funding allows.
- All youth are provided information on the public workforce system and services available.
- At program's end youth are provided with additional, non WIA, community resources for academic and employment assistance.

Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed

- Types of jobs developed include: landscaping, office assistant, food service, educational assistant, day camp staff, research, green jobs, maintenance, customer service, cultural, painting, community work, park monitors, bio tech lab assistant, and construction.
- Skills developed include: contextual job-based reading, writing, communication; ability to research a topic, process information, translate information, interact with people, perform

	<p>daily tasks, develop ability to work on a team or autonomously; math skills developed, and soft skills required on any job.</p> <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several national media outlets have contacted Cleveland/Cuyahoga about the summer youth employment program including: Fox News New York, CNN, and Time Magazine • Locally, television stations and the major newspaper have made inquiries and run stories on the collaborative City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Summer Youth Employment Initiative called <i>Just About Jobs</i>.
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green jobs include: landscaping, gardening, neighborhood beautification, rain garden creation, research and learning experiences at the Botanical Gardens, municipal community ‘green’ projects, and invasive species research and deconstruction. • Green job worksite partners include: The City of Cleveland, Slavic Village, Nu Gardens, African Heritage House, City of Parma, City of Bedford, City of Lakewood, East Cleveland, Warrensville Heights, and City of Euclid <p>Highlights of Healthcare Jobs/Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth are placed throughout the county in various worksites within several hospital systems. • Participating hospital systems include: The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Metrohealth Medical Center (the county hospital), and the VA Medical Center • Youth job assignments at the various medical centers include: Patient Care Assistant, Customer Service, Laundry, Food Service, Maintenance, Lab Work, Research, and Office Work • The Cleveland State University- Health Sciences Center has hired a youth to work in the laboratory and conduct research. • The Cleveland Clinic – the region’s largest employer - has provided youth job opportunities that are not government subsidized. A variety of youth jobs varying in skill and experience have been identified by the Clinic. • Most hospital systems are providing both subsidized and non-subsidized job opportunities for youth which increases the number of youth served. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program serves older youth up to age 24 as outlined by ARRA. • A priority was placed on the development of ‘green jobs’ (programs highlighted above). • Demand industries were targeted for worksite development – particularly healthcare. <p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Corps youth are participants in the summer youth employment program. • Foster care youth are participants in the summer youth employment program. • The Cleveland Metropolitan School District, along with many other municipal school districts, are partners in the summer youth employment program. <p>Partnerships with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships with employers range in terms of sectors and size. The Cleveland Clinic Health System, the largest employer in the region, is a participating employer. Many community organizations/non-profits are participating in the program. • There is employer representation from the healthcare, construction, manufacturing sectors which are all local demand sectors. • Other employment sectors represented by employer participation include retail, government, customer service, education/cultural, information technology, and service.
<p>Hot Issues or Challenges:</p>	<p>The major challenge faced by this area was the sheer volume of the program. Nationally, summer 2008 was the worst year historically for summer youth employment post WWII. However, the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County area, due to the funding supplied by the Mayor and County Commissioners, had reinstated a summer youth employment initiative in 2006.</p>

	<p>This proactive interest in youth employment prepared this area well for implementing a larger program. The challenge was in the fact that the summers of 2006-2008 allowed for the local area to serve approximately 1500 youth via summer jobs. With the ARRA dollars, the local program had to be scaled up quickly to serve 6,376 youth via summer jobs. The greatest challenges thus far have been releasing in a very tight timeframe a competitive Request For Proposals and processing the submissions, developing the worksites and processing a massive number of youth through orientation and job placement. Fortunately, the local area workforce development organization was prepared to move quickly, community employers have stepped up to the plate and are participating, and the youth providers selected are doing a fantastic job at efficiently and effectively implementing the program design called for by the local area.</p> <p>Another major challenge for this area is the sheer need among youth for employment. Well over 11,000 applications were received by youth who were interested in obtaining a summer employment experience. Funding was available for 6,376 youth to be served.</p>
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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	Warwick Career & Technical Center
Location:	575 Centerville Road Warwick, RI 02889
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Funding for Warwick Career Tech: \$543,077 • Recovery Act Funding (100%): \$543,077 • No JDF dollars to Career Tech <p>LWIA Summer Youth Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,826,843 for Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (GRI). The LWIA plans to expend 100% ARRA Summer Youth funds by 9/30/2009.
Program Description:	<p>Warwick Career Tech Center offers a ten (10) week program in four (4) industry sectors for West Bay youth ages 14-24. The industry sectors offered are: Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology and Financial Services. All programs expect to incorporate “green technologies” as part of the delivery of youth instruction. The participants receive training in all industry sectors, work readiness skills, industry internships and a community project.</p> <p>Program Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Tech will be running this summer experience program June 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. • This program is designed to have participants attend five (5) hours of work readiness training and 15 hours of work experience weekly. The summer schedule is Monday through Thursdays (7:30 – 1:00) or 20 hours weekly. Students are paid a wage of \$7.40 hourly. • Program Benefits - Youth are engaged in a community project to construct a press box and snack bar for the Toll Gate Complex. The project will benefit a number of community activities (football, baseball, soccer, etc) hosted at the complex. • Program Expense - The City of Warwick is absorbing the cost of the architect, blue print drawings, engineering, ground breaking and foundation portion of the community project, while Career Tech is picking up the cost of materials and student labor for the project through its ARRA funding. • Career Tech received approximately 10% of total state funding. Average cost per student \$3,549 (\$543,077/153). Career Tech plans to expend 100% ARRA monies by 9/30/2009. • Number of Jobs Created - Because this is the first summer the Career Tech has remained open in support of ARRA funding, a number of instructors and administrative personnel were hired for this four (4) month project. Approximately 20 jobs were created. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Tech planned on serving 170 participants • Number enrolled to date 153 (ages 14-18 = 137, ages 19-21 = 15, ages 22-24 = 1) • Rhode Island’s goal is to serve an additional 2,000 youth through the summer with the Recovery Act funds.

	<p>GRI At-Large Worksites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 909 SYEP participants at over 400 worksites. Industries include: marine trades, IT, construction, retail, healthcare, and others. <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantaged youth ages 14-24 meeting program guidelines. Participants were solicited through the Youth Centers with help from Rhode Island’s partner agencies. <p>Types of Work Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Tech is a work site and work experience under one roof <p>Types of Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction, culinary training, financial services and computer training <p>Connections to Academics Embedded in the Summer Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work readiness classes introduce participants to the world of work. The emphasis on fractions in math classes has given students a better understanding of the role fractions play in a number of career paths. <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience and work readiness exposure encourages students to complete and/or further their education. <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the completion of this summer youth experience, the participants will be referred back to the Youth Centers for continuing and/or additional services. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment in construction, food service and IT are marketed. • Skills are being developed through computer technology, recognition of “true green” materials, safety needs and requirements in the workplace, proper dress in the workplace and being responsive, responsible, and on-time in the workplace. <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/28/2009 Providence Journal article on Career Tech (www.projo.com). • 8/4/09 Beacon Warwick article on the 8/3/09 visit of Congressman Jim Langevin and Senator Jack Reed to the Career Tech Center.
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Green Work Experience/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are exposed to the many types of wood used to produce a finished product. Instructors provide students with a number of wood products and ask them which product they would determine to be more environmentally friendly. The students are usually surprised, as were the reviewers, on the wood products that better serve the environment. • Career Tech has also transformed a 1981 Chevy pick-up truck into a totally electric vehicle. This green item alone has become quite an inspiration to the students. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating world of work experiences for disadvantaged youth • Introducing “green technologies” to the youth population <p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since this is a first time summer experience program for Career Tech, its sole linkage is with the Youth Centers.

	<p>Partnership Linkages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhode Island's partner agencies, Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) played a major role in helping RI DLT reach its summer youth enrollment goal. These partners went through files to determine youth eligibility for the ARRA summer program and sent out letters to each household encouraging youth to apply. Without this push from RI's partners, RI DLT may not have reached its aggressive enrollment goal of 2,000 additional summer youth. <p>Partnerships with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Career Tech has a number of employer relationships, Lynch Construction being the largest. Employers provide guest speakers to the Center in an effort to motivate and attract students to this career path. They also invite the school to take the students on field trips to several sites to give them exposure to the construction work environment.
Hot Issues or Challenges:	Motivating the students. Challenging them in the work experience arena. Convincing students to challenge themselves.
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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
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Program Name:	Summer Youth Employment Program/Next Generation Zone North by Northwest Video Production Company - Host Site
Location:	Next Generation Zone, 130 N Arthur, Spokane, WA 99208 SAWDC 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd Rm 606 Spokane, WA 99201
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	Total funding: \$1.5 million (ARRA)
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1, 2009-September 30, 2009 • 200 hours total for WEX, 30-40 hours per week; \$8.55 per hour <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 406 youth have been enrolled in SYEP projects through Next Generation Zone <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-24 • Barriers to employment and/or education • Lack a positive work history • Basic skills deficient <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Next Generation Zone has multiple host sites for SYEP, primarily with organizations offering green collar work opportunities and those that match the youth to areas of career interest. • Such worksites include: Goodwill, Educational School District 101, Career Path Services, Riverfront Farms, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the North by Northwest Production Company. Two specific examples of host sites are: <p><u>North by Northwest/Video Production Company – Production Assistants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three interns selected for this worksite are creating a documentary to tell the story of the Spokane Summer Youth Program. 12 SYEP participants were interviewed for the three positions. The three SYEP youth selected are: • A 21 year old young woman who has one year of college left. She is a public relations/journalism major and former WIA participant. She has had difficulty securing and maintaining employment. She will go back to school at the end of the summer; her wages will help with her living expenses while she finishes school. • A 19 year old male who graduated from high school in June. He had no work history. He is interested in Cinematography and plans on going to the community college in the fall. • A 22 year old male who recently moved to Spokane to look for work. He has acting experience but not much work experience. He is excited to learn about the production side of film and is not sure of his future direction at this time. <p><u>Riverfront Farms – Green Collar Jobs Service Corps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five SYEP youth selected for this worksite are learning harvest production (planting, weeding and watering, etc.) and how to market the products they are growing at a local farmers market (sales, cash handling and customer service) by taking vacant neighborhood lots and turning them into community gardens.

	<p>Connections to Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism • Cinematography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The production documentary interns will be involved in all aspects of the documentary production. They are currently interviewing participants at their worksites gathering compelling stories. They will then select three to be the focus of the documentary. They will interview, film, edit and complete a short documentary under the supervision of their division's producer. • The Riverfront Farms SYEP youth use a variety of branches of science daily in their WEX including: biology, botany, bio-chemistry, horticulture, ecology, entomology and agri-science. Participant are also using math, from simple addition and subtraction in making change at the farmer's market, to more complex geometry in plotting their gardens. <p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYEP participants learn team building; community and customer relations skills and earn a paycheck. <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring all areas of film making and related media. • The Summer WEX at Riverfront Farms is a pathway to the future pursuit of any number of science degrees and is a potential gateway to employment with any number of sustainable or "green" ventures. It also encourages entrepreneurial exploration. <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Search • Post Secondary Education • There also may be opportunities for future employment with North by Northwest Video Production Company for the interns, but no firm commitment has been made at this time. • All youth participating in the SYEP spend time developing a next steps plan at the end of their summer work experience. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing Techniques • Film editing • Sound editing • Writing • Video production • Lighting • Scheduling, organizing • Farming and organic gardening techniques • Marketing • Community relations and customer service • Getting to work on time • Team work <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up in the Spokane Workforce Development Council's Newsletter
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverfront Farms/Green Collar Jobs Service Corps exposes youth to careers in organic farming, horticulture, botany and entrepreneurial exploration. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving Older Youth with barriers to employment. • Green Jobs Initiative

	Partnerships with Employers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• North by Northwest is a successful local film production company• Riverfront Farms is a non-profit that uses mostly community volunteers.
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Summer Youth Employment Program

A partnership between the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, Career Path Services, Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest and Educational Service District #101

Spokane Consortium Update

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USDOL representative tours Spokane SYEP

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and the Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) visited with Spokane Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) leaders Thursday, July 16.

The visit included tours of Goodwill Industries, Riverfront Farms (a green jobs cooperative), and film production company, North by Northwest Productions.

Yanis Elksnitis, ESD Program Coordinator and Holly Watson, ESD Deputy Assistant Commissioner, accompanied Dana Durfee, USDOL Employment and Training Administrator from San Francisco while visiting the various worksites.

"We really appreciate all the work that you have put into the summer youth program," Durfee wrote in an e-mail. "It really showed in talking with the youth and supervisors."

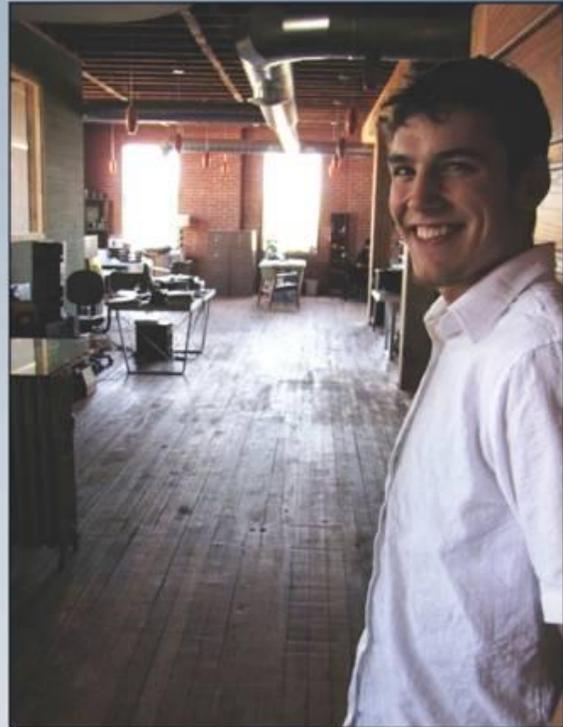
Worksite interns and leaders spoke at each location, giving those on the tour a more personal view and narrative of what SYEP meant to them and the doors it opened.



A Riverfront Farms intern.

One participant sported a shirt at Riverfront Farms, located near the county courthouse, that read, "Green jobs, not jails." At Goodwill Industries, SYEP interns spoke of the leadership lessons they were learning and how much they enjoyed working together. One of their many recognized efforts, *TEConnections*, a Spokane Public Schools program, not only teaches youth how to refurbish computers, but once the computers are functional, students give the computers to underprivileged youth. Over 1,000 computers within the last three years have been distributed.

While visiting North by Northwest, interns led the group around



A summer youth intern outside an office at North by Northwest, a film production company located in Spokane.

the facilities and shared their enthusiasm that they were working at a premier film studio in the Northwest. One intern excitedly said, "Do you know who John Carpenter (renowned director of, among others, *Halloween*, *Escape from New York*, *The Thing*) is? He's working on a film here and I got to shake his hand. I'm never going to wash it again!"

Overall, the tour proved what many know and interns are learning; that internships can be life-changing and the opportunities offered might never occur without SYEP.

Youth job placements remain on target; enrollments rise

- As of July 15, Spokane SYEP is expected to be at 100 percent of its 400-placement goal in August.
- Total enrollments (July 15): 370.
- Total number of youth currently in work experience (WEX): 180.

Some 'stimulating' SYEP statistics

- Spokane SYEP staff have given out 1650 packet applications and over 600 have been returned.
- Demand has been so high that 80 youth are now on our wait list for intake.
- Of the 180 worksites, 110 are public and nonprofit and 70 are private businesses.



**Spokane Area
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

This program is funded through the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). ARRA was created to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and to assist those most impacted by the recession. Our goal this summer is to provide over 400 low-income youth living in the Spokane area with the opportunity to earn money and gain work readiness skills. Spokane Area Workforce Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and provider of employment and training services. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities.

**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	Centralina Workforce Development Board
Location:	1300 Baxter St, Charlotte, North Carolina
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Funding - \$1.1 Million • Recovery Act Funding - \$1.1 Million
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralina Workforce Development Board began their SYEP June 1. The program is expected to end for in-school youth between August 1 and August 15; the out-of-school program will end September 30. Youth participate in a one-week work readiness training program to learn about interviewing techniques, networking, composing cover letters, etiquette, time management skills and interpersonal skills. Upon completion of the career readiness training, students are placed in work experiences based upon their interests, aptitudes, and employer selection. Participants earn \$7.25 per hour and work 7.5 hours per day for 4 days per week for a total of 30 hours per week. Worksites are monitored at least once a week to ensure students are progressing at the worksite. • The Centralina Workforce Board utilized existing partnerships such as: Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.; Iredell Community Action Research and Evaluation, Inc.; Rainbow Enhanced Academic Developers, Inc.; Resource Development Center Inc.; and Union County Community Action, Inc. to acquire worksites for participants because of these entities' proven ability to operate previous summer youth programs. Participants are placed on worksites such as Carolina Plastic Recycling, North Carolina Research Campus, Cannon Memorial Library, Livingstone College, United Way, Goodwill Industries, Cabarrus Literacy Council, American Red Cross and the Salisbury Rowan Community Action Agency (SRCAA)-Weatherization project. • Participants attend an academic enrichment class once a week for two hours at Rowan County Community Action Agency to review career readiness techniques such as branding, communication skills and interpersonal skills to ensure they are constantly being applied at the work experience. Once a week a youth motivational speaker reinforces positive thinking, communication skills and proper decision making. During the class, youth discuss issues that arise on the worksite to receive guidance on the correct method to respond. • All participants are involved in an Entrepreneurship 101 team challenge in which they select a project manager from the team, conduct research, and document information about business ownership. Participants create a name for the business, create strategies to market the product, discuss potential locations for the business, and then present the outcome to the class. Participants are evaluated based on marketing skills, teamwork and presentation. • All participants are involved in the World of Science program which focuses on many opportunities available for youth related to engineering technologies, electrical and mechanical engineering, Green Jobs, and alternative energy sources. The program operates from July 1 through August 12. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of youth expected to be served - 372 • Number participating to date - 360

Target Population

- Youth 16-24
- Foster Youth
- Pregnant and Parenting Youth
- Low-Income Youth
- Out-of-School Youth
- In-School Youth

Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities

- North Carolina Research Campus – conducts chemistry measures of proteins by separating DNA in plants and fruits.
- Cannon Memorial Library - reshelv books, assist youth with computer applications, assist customers, and monitor youth reading program.
- Good Will Industries – process donations, price merchandise, stock shelves, monitor dressing rooms, and assist customers.
- Job Link – register clients for computer classes and e-mail accounts, assemble and organize packets for employee meetings, and provide clerical assistance such as copying and shredding.
- Salisbury Rowan Community Action Agency (SRCAA) - install weatherization materials, install vapor barriers, seal cracks in walls and window casings, and clean sealing ducts around ventilation outlets.
- Rowan Helping Ministries - interviews customers and collects data to ensure they are eligible for services, ask customers questions, assists in the completion of necessary forms, and provide customer service assistance.
- United Way – proofread marketing material, stamp and label mail, deliver mail to post office, and provide clerical assistance as needed.
- Precious Times Learning Center - assist teachers with daily activities, read to children and assist with light housekeeping duties.
- Lincoln County Joblink Career Center - assist with clerical duties such as filing and shredding.

Connections to Academics Embedded in the Summer Activities

- The North Carolina Department of Education mandated high school seniors to complete a portfolio prior to graduation.
- The Centralina Workforce Development Board requires their partners to work with participants to create portfolios which include a biography, a resume, a cover letter, and a list academic achievements and certifications.

Career and Education Pathways

- R.E.A.D Inc. utilizes the Worldwide Interactive Network (WIN) courseware to assist participants in remedial training.
- Participants are involved in the World of Science program which focuses on many opportunities available for youth related to engineering technologies, electrical and mechanical engineering, Green Jobs, and alternative energy sources. The program operates from July 1 through August 12.

Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment

- The LWIA will enroll older participants in the Adult program. Employers are interested in allowing participants to continue working beyond the summer.

	<p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Assistant - develops research skills, analytical skills, communication skills and time management skills. • Camp Counselor - develops communication skills, organizational skills, leadership skills and patience. • Library Assistant - develops organizational skills, communicational skills, technical skills, and leadership skills. • GoodWill Assistant - develops leadership skills, organizational skills, and customer service skills. • Customer Service Representative - develops technical skills, customer service skills, and administrative skills. • Weatherization Assistant - learn the importance of conserving energy <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.news14.com/content/local_news/charlotte/612208/stimulus-funding-helps-teenagers-land-jobs/Default.aspx
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are exposed to the knowledge of growing opportunities that are related to green jobs and are required to write a research paper exploring green jobs in the economy, prepare a portfolio that list the current Green Jobs, and list factors that impact Green Jobs. Upon completion of the project, students are required to present their findings to their peers. <p>Highlights of Healthcare Jobs/Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolina Medical Center - performs custodial duties required for the general maintenance of the building. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Areas are providing services to hard-to-serve youth; • Pregnant and Parenting Youth • Foster Youth • Out-of-School Youth <p>Partnerships with Employers The following partners provides work experience opportunities for youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Salisbury - Fire Department • Livingstone College • SRCA-Weatherization • American Red Cross • Cannon Memorial Library • North Carolina Research Campus
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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	ID Youth Conservation Corps (IYCC)
Location:	Idaho--statewide
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding • Recovery Act funding: \$6,985,025 total with \$2,918,025 Youth allocation. Approximately, \$480,000 for the IYCC program.
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2 – August 20, 2009 • Service Provider—Idaho Dept of Labor • The Idaho Youth Conservation Corps is in its second year of operation. In 2008, one pilot crew was utilized by Bureau of Land Management in Boise. Due to the success of the pilot year the program was planning to expand in 2009 from one crew to 6-10, with the implementation of the ARRA, ID Department of Labor (IDOL) was able to offer this opportunity to more agencies and areas of the state increasing the program to over 35 crews • Key participant needs being met—Youth have a work experience; are earning wages; and learning. • Key employer needs being met—Federal, State and local projects are being completed. • Types of core, intensive and/or training services provided—Intensive three day training is offered to crew leaders statewide to provide them the tools they needed to run an IYCC quality program. In addition, each crew spends time weekly with the worksite provider on education pertaining to the work being completed. Youth are encouraged to do journals of their work experience, and HS work experience credits awarded in certain areas where the school district is involved in the project. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 five to seven-person crews • Total number to be served - 200 • Number served to date - 200 <p>Program Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Skills - Job retention. • Types of Jobs - Service to communities and natural resource related work; trail maintenance, riparian work, noxious weed removal, etc. • Projected Outcomes - Crews learn how to function as part of a team, with respect to others and themselves, gain a sense of pride in the communities and public lands they worked on, and they learn transferable work skills. • Outcomes to Date - 200 youth working across the State within their communities and public lands. Many youth are being offered extended employment by their worksites. <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 -24 yrs • Low income youth with barriers <p>Service Delivery Strategies and Mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project partners provide trained supervisors, transportation (where needed), tools, and materials for outlined projects. • Projects that employed three or more youth working together, supervised by one person on natural resource or community based projects were identified as IYCC crews.

	<p>Connections to Other Programs and Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID Youth Conservation Corps • Recovery Act funds • WIA formula <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Highlighted Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible placements with Cities/Counties, State and Federal Agencies • Follow-up services available through WIA • Older post secondary students are considering education for careers in natural resource agencies. <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idaho Statesman, Boise 8/2/09 • KIVI News Channel 6 http://www.kivitv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10368408
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Activities Related to Green Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation • Fire prevention • Creating green belts • Improving wildlife habitat • Revitalizing public lands • Maintaining recreational areas • GPS/mapping plants • Water management • Stream restoration • Trail construction and maintenance <p>Activities Related to Other Demand Industries and Occupations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many State and Federal natural resource agencies have an aging workforce; many of the current employees were introduced to these occupations during their time in the YCC-- in the 70's and 80's. This program is helping to introduce the next generation of employees to this occupation industry. • City, county and State infrastructure jobs such as public works, parks and recreation area are also looking for a new generation of employees, these crews are not only helping the agency but considering employment with them after their summer work experience. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green jobs and wildlife conservation focus. <p>Innovative Uses of LMI Data, New Technologies and Reemployment Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have been reintroduced to the services offered by IDOL through the Summer Youth Employment Program and are considering using our services as they expend the ARRA funds allotted to them for recruiting and hiring new workers. <p>Linkages with Other Recovery Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Land Management • US Forest Service <p>Partnerships with Employers- including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and County agencies (Public Works, Parks & Recreation, • ID Fish & Game • Bureau of Land Management • US Forest Service • Idaho Parks and Recreation • Habitat for Humanity

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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	City of Meridian; Five Mile Creek Project
Location:	Meridian, Idaho
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total ARRA Youth Funding (Area 3): \$613,631 • Recovery Act Funding: approximately \$88,000 to serve 36 youth in Meridian, ID • Other funding: Crew Leader funded by City of Meridian
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program runs from June 22 – August 14, 2009 • Youth are learning about habitat and streamside restoration and water management. • Youth learn how to function as part of a crew team, have a work experience, and are earning wages. • City and County agencies related to conservation and park restoration are being introduced to a new generation of employees. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of youth to be served on the Five Mile Creek Project: 8 • Number participating to date: 8 <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14-24 year olds <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth are working to restore the habitat at Five Mile Creek. Planting herbaceous plants, grasses, charting plants, watering, and removing noxious weeds. <p>Connections to Academics Embedded in the Summer Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth are working with City of Meridian staff learning about habitat and streamside restoration and water management. <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the youth will be eligible to apply for positions within the Meridian Public Works Department. <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully the SYEP/ID YCC will be offered through the City of Meridian next year as well as subsequent years. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater treatment, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, GPS/GIS mapping, etc. <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 4, 2009 – Governor visited the 5 mile Creek project.
Unique and Exemplary Attributes:	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating Green belt to run through town <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Jobs • Conservation

	<p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idaho Youth Conservation Corps (IYCC) <p>Partnerships with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Meridian – Public Works Department; Parks & Recreation
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Stimulus puts teens to work outside in Idaho

Idaho's abundance of outdoor work allows its Youth Conservation Corps to thrive with federal money.

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Kolangelo is spending the summer rewiring fences, building trails and fixing wild horse corrals for the Idaho Youth Conservation Corps.

The work has been hard but satisfying for the Boise teenager, who is on one of the 39 six-person crews working across the state.

The work is "better than flipping burgers," Kolangelo said. "You make more of a difference in people's lives doing this."

His \$7.25-an-hour, 40-hour-a-week income also helps his family through economic woes. Most of the workers in the Idaho Department of Labor program come from economically strapped families. The jobs help families and communities from Bonner County to Bear Lake.

Steve Kordek can relate. The 98-year-old Edison Park, Ill., man worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Boise and Grangeville in 1936 and 1937, keeping records and working fire dispatch. He sent most of the money he made home to his family during the Depression as a part of the federal program established by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1933.

"It was the greatest experience," Kordek said. "I just wish we had a national program like that today that took kids off the street and put them to work outside."

Republican Gov. Butch Otter is a long way politically from Democrat Roosevelt. But when Meridian Republican Rep. Marv Hagedorn and Idaho YCC State Coordinator Ben Phillips showed him all the work and success one crew was able to accomplish in 2008, Otter got behind the concept.

Other states had already set up their own youth conservation programs, with many of their teens already working in Idaho, Hagedorn said. He and Otter saw an opportunity to put Idaho teens to work and save the participating agencies money because the teens could go home and sleep in their own beds at night.

"From a conservative's point of view, this is a way they can reduce their costs and keep the money in Idaho," Hagedorn said.

The state had hoped to expand the program slowly by partnering with federal agencies like the Bureau of Land Management, which paid for tools for the crews. Then Congress in February passed the American Recovery and Restoration Act, the economic-stimulus law. Suddenly Idaho had \$2.9 million to spend for youth job programs.

Phillips was ready. He quickly set up 38 more crews statewide using the Labor Department's existing offices and resources.

In addition to the 200 YCC workers, an additional 640 youths were put to work in schools and libraries and in other government roles.

"It's been a wild ride," Phillips said.

The U.S. Forest Service uses 13 crews for projects it identified this spring and last fall. Money is arriving for additional trail projects, and Phillips hopes these projects can keep his crews working next summer. "Now that the federal agencies are ready to spend their funds, we're already in place statewide," Phillips said.

In addition to getting federal, state and local projects done, the program helps teach the teens work ethics, said M.J. Byrnes, a spokeswoman for the BLM's Boise District. Like the first CCC, Idaho YCC workers get more than muscles and money.

"They are learning about conservation," Byrnes said. "They are learning about the issues."

Kolangelo's crew leader, Andrew Miller of Homedale, a University of Idaho graduate, explained how fences on the rangeland where the crew worked near Hammett hinder the migration of elk and deer from summer range to winter range.

"So we're lowering the high wire," he said.

Next week the crew will move on to Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area for trail construction and maintenance.

Miller and crew member Cody Brown of Boise worked at Bogus last year, too. Their work included carrying logs up the mountain to anchor trail switchbacks.

"That's when the real work begins," Brown told this year's new crew members.

In Council, where unemployment has reached 17 percent this year, YCC crews have been pulling noxious weeds like Mediterranean sage for the Adams Cooperative Weed Management Area. Crews have pulled more than 10,000 weeds so far, said Julie Burkhardt, a supervisor.

"This is the first year we've had a crew in our area," she said.

In isolated communities like Council, finding summer work for young people is tough, she said. When they don't get work there, they move away.

"You can't get people to open businesses here because of the lack of a work force, and you can't get a work force because of a lack of businesses," she said.

Hagedorn said the need to service federal lands will only grow as trees grow up, the population increases and hazards like fire, invasive weeds and other threats continue. Thinning forests, fighting weeds, improving wildlife habitat and fixing trails are critical to the health and use of public lands, said Hagedorn, an avid sportsman.

"Those are the kind of things we need to have our kids doing," he said. "We need to show them there are jobs to do outside."

Crew member Brown is proud of the work he did last year at Bogus. Some of the trails he maintained were built when Kordek worked for the CCC 70 years ago.

"I wish this would last year-round," Brown said.

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**Summer Youth Employment Program Snapshot
Week of August 10, 2009**

Program Name:	Fargo, North Dakota –Customer Service Area III
Location:	Fargo, West Fargo, Hillsboro, Mayville, Portland, Lisbon, Buffalo, Wheatland, Casselton, Cooperstown, Luverne
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total funding: \$272,923
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth started May 1 and will continue to September 30, 2009; most in-school youth started mid June and will end August 21, 2009, coinciding with the local high schools start dates. <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of youth enrolled to date: Serving 105 currently in Summer Work Experience <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Income; TANF/Food Stamps participants; single parent and pregnant youth; rural populations with limited options for employment; individuals with disabilities—physical, mental and developmental. <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public schools and universities; non-profit thrift, consignment and retail stores; social service and human service organizations; libraries; museum assistants; landscaping and grounds keeping; custodial and building maintenance assistants; medical/pharmaceutical lab research intern; animal caretakers; childcare and camp counselors; information technology assistants and web designers; and marketing assistant. <p>Connections to Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GED studies for some individuals who are high school dropouts. Paid internship for College Business and Marketing students. <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Career Exploration Seminar through Career and Technical Education 2-day Leadership Development Workshop with Hugh Long <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of students have very strong potential of being employed after their work experience, however nothing has been confirmed. One employer would not consider taking a participant unless they could guarantee a hiring situation after completion. The opportunity for co-enrollment is available for those participants that will be staying in the program. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Assistant—basic IT help, installing, configuring and optimizing computer systems, computer hardware maintenance and repair. Marketing Assistant—maintenance, of E-bay account, trimming and fertilizing ads, researching and developing products and customers. Laboratory Technician—lab assistant for pre-clinical Dermatology Research, performing routine lab functions, assist with study setup. Office Assistants—filing, reception duties, completing forms, photocopy and assembly of TANF, Food Stamp, Medical Assistance, Foster Care and other program files for case workers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resource Assistant—assisting with projects related to moving personnel files, job fairs, and orientations of new employees. • Grounds Keeping and Building Maintenance Assistant—painting, taping and texturing of sheetrock, general carpentry, cleaning buildings, mowing and trimming, landscaping, event setup and customer service. <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marty Aas, Fargo Office Manager, has appeared numerous times on a variety of news reports regarding the summer work experience and ARRA funding. A news story was also done on the Leadership Workshop.
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Rehabilitation and Consulting Services • Para Educators from Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools • Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living • YouthWorks • PATH/Foster Care • SEHSC • Community Living Services • Fraser SET Program • Adult Learning Centers <p>Individual Success Story</p> <p>A youth participant working at the Cetero Research is doing Pre-Dermatology research and working with one of the top four Dermatology Researchers in the world. This has been a great opportunity for this participant who has a desire to pursue a PhD in Biomedical Engineering.</p>
<p>Hot Issues or Challenges:</p>	<p>A primary challenge was dealing with youth with mental, health and addiction issues as well as homeless youth. Other issues include: keeping the students on the job; issues with showing up to work on time, or showing up at all; transportation; child care; and language barriers.</p>
<p>Contact Person and Information:</p>	<p>Fargo Customer Service Office Pam Wentz, Jeanne Knuth or Alicia Olson 701-239-7300.</p>

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Program Name:	Temple University Information Technology and Society Research Group (ITSRG) - Environmental Science Internship Program
Location:	1601 North Broad Street, USB 111, Philadelphia, PA 19122
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Act Funding - \$90,750 or 100%
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Hours Work Experience 20 Hours Non-Work Experience/Activities <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of youth to be served: 75 Number participating to date: 80 <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low income youth in North Philadelphia <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms and laboratories at several campus locations. <p>Connections to Academics Embedded in the Summer Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program participants will have the opportunity to work with researchers involved in the remediation of the Exxon Valdez oil spill Social media research to foster awareness of community arts Environmental education in the Fairmount Park system Using digital media to advance health research Using information technologies for creating maps of local community resources Social media projects of the data sets gathered in the centers <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linking technology skills attainment to tutoring activities and career exploration and workforce development, youth enhance their understanding of the connections between academic success and career options, and benefit from exposure to a university campus, faculty and research projects Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM) and new creativity economy <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will return to high school and/or continue into postsecondary education to continue work in these areas <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants work in technology related jobs Skills being developed include the areas of information technology, graphic arts, e-communication, and health and social research <p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <p>Mayor Nutter kicked off summer Recovery Act-funded summer programs at a youth-led event held at Temple University on June 24. Young people spoke about their hopes and aspirations for their summer experiences, and former summer participants spoke about how important summer programs that provide exposure to careers and college opportunities have</p>

	<p>been to their progress.</p> <p>Media coverage included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPVI-ABC and KYW-CBS (TV) • KYW 1060 and WHYI 90.9 FM (radio) • Philadelphia Business Journal (print) <p>Articles about ARRA youth programs also appeared in the Philadelphia Daily News (7/9/09) and The Philadelphia Inquirer (7/10/09). The latter was an in-depth description of one of the ARRA programs at Temple University.</p>
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Healthcare Jobs/Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program emphasizes placements in environmental research and public health settings <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program results in students pursuing post secondary education to attain skills for careers that provide self-sufficient wages
<p>Contact Person and Information:</p>	<p>Stacy Holland, Co-President, COO Philadelphia Youth Network, 714 Market St. Suite 304 Philadelphia, PA 19106 sholland@pyninc.org Phone: 267-502-3768 Fax: 267-502-3801</p>

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Program Name:	Adams County Colorado Workforce & Business Center: Department of Natural Resources
Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado State Park-Barr Lake-13401 Piccadilly Road, Brighton, Colorado 80603 • Colorado Division of Wildlife-6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$748,741 for ARRA Summer Youth
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience is in 8-week blocks, 6 hours/day, 5 days/week • June through August, 2009 <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams County's SYEP is serving 274 participants at 96 worksites. This snapshot highlights 2 of those worksites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barr Lake (Colorado State Parks): 7 participants ○ Division of Wildlife: 12 participants <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth 14-24, economically disadvantaged, basic skills deficient. <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Park: Employment activities include assisting with environmental education, customer service, documenting customer feedback, and clerical activities) • Division of Wildlife: Employment activities include assisting with maintenance, grounds keeping and an angler's education program. • Other types of worksites include: Department of Social Services, District 12 School Districts, and Head Start, where youth perform a variety of jobs ranging from clerical, library assistant, and receptionist to maintenance and janitorial services. <p>Connections to Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental education • Math and science • Written and oral communication <p>Career and Education Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants are assigned to specific worksites and employment activities based on assessment of their individual work readiness and career objectives. • Case managers work with participants individually to identify next steps such as academic activities and/or employment opportunities. • Additional WIA services such as supportive services are utilized. <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above (Career and Education Pathways' section). • As appropriate, some participants may be enrolled in year-round WIA Youth or Adult services. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service • Effective Communication • Documentation of customer complaints • General office skills

	<p>Summary of Media Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Barr Lake worksite was highlighted on Channel 9 News during the week of June 29, 2009.
<p>Unique and Exemplary Attributes:</p>	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main focus is environmental education, responsibility and ownership of choices that impact the environment. • Focus of “Green Economy,” natural resources. • Program includes aquatic biologists who provide mentoring and guidance. • Focus is on the environment, non-native species to Colorado that endanger wildlife, plant life and recreational water use. <p>Highlight Intersections with Other DOL Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program recruits non-traditional and female high school students. <p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with Adams County Workforce Region and Division of Wildlife through the State of Colorado is one of two partnerships made possible for youth through ARRA funding. <p>Partnerships with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a strong relationship with the Department of Natural Resources/Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado State Parks.
<p>Contact Person and Information:</p>	<p>Youth Program Supervisor: Valarie Vasquez: 303-453-8616 Colorado State Parks: Michelle Seubert: 303-263-8424 Colorado Division of Wildlife: Scott Gilmore: 303-291-7512</p>

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Program Name:	ARRA Summer Work Experience 2009 Alexandria Seaport Foundation "Green Apprenticeship"
Location:	Dept of Human Services/JobLink/Teenswork Program 1900 North Beauregard, Suite 300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Program Type:	ARRA Summer Youth Employment
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding - \$64,380.00 • Recovery Act funding - \$64,380.00 • Percentage of total Recovery Act allocation - 100%
Program Description:	<p>Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 29, 2009 – August 14, 2009 • 30 hours per week <p>Program Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of youth to be served: 11 IS (4 OOS) • Number participating to date: 15 <p>Target Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Income, Court Involved, Homeless, Individuals w/IEP's <p>Types of Work Sites and Employment Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 hours of "Work Readiness" Class at DHS/JobLink • 7 weeks at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation (ASF) <p>Connections to Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes and activities to improve building math, critical thinking skills, environmental science and alternative energy. <p>Career and Education Pathways Exploration of "Green Industry" Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of "Green Project" • Students are building wooden cisterns for the roof garden at T.C. Williams High School. The cisterns are being built out of recycled wood and will reuse rain water and air conditioning condensate to irrigate the gardens. The water will be distributed with solar powered pumps. The cisterns will also incorporate benches, making the gardens friendlier to students. <p>Next Steps/Transition Beyond Summer Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 OOS students will remain at ASF and continue the apprenticeship program and earn their GED. The remaining IS students will work as "after school apprentices" at ASF two afternoons per week. <p>Types of Jobs and Specific Skills Being Developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative energy jobs
Unique and Exemplary Attributes:	<p>Highlights of Green Worksites/Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new state-of-the-art school, T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, has won the Green Innovations Award in the Best Institutional Project category at the Virginia Sustainable Building Network's annual meeting. T.C. High was built according to the standards and principles from the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED . The building was designed by Moseley Architects and built by the Hensel Phelps Construction Co.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmentally friendly features of the school include: "a 450,000-gallon underground cistern to collect and store rainwater for use in toilet flushing, air-conditioning operations and irrigation; a rooftop garden to provide storm water management; waterless urinals to reduce the amount of water used inside the building; and a permanent measurement and verification system to track water and energy usage at the facility." The students have the opportunity to see their school's environmental footprint through the data collected at the central "dash board" in the Ferdinand T. Day Student Commons. <p>Linkages with Other Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandria City Public Schools, Alexandria City Court Services Unit
Contact Person and Information:	<p>Lissette Pippy 1900 North Beauregard St, Suite 300 Alexandria, VA 22314 703-838-4479 ext 222</p>