



ARRA Youth Employment and Advancements for Youths 14 - 24

Program Description:

Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program: In 2009, this was a six-week, subsidized employment, competency development and workforce training opportunity for Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-qualified, at risk youths ages 14 – 24. For Out of School Youths, the program was 11 weeks long and concluded with a unique, two-day transition conference.

- 2,005 youths employed in North Central CT
 - 719 in-school in-school federally funded; 902 in-school funded with leveraged municipal and foundation funds' 384 out-of-school federally funded.
 - 3,735 applications received; 1,730 turned away due to insufficient funds or WIA-ineligibility
 - 430 worksites at 210 employers – Private, Public and Non-Profits

Sample Youth Worksites



360 Federal Credit Union
 Acme-Monaco
 C & R Restoration
 CPS Properties (Konover)
 Dattco, Inc.
 Hampton Inn
 Immanuel House
 Jo Cal Construction Co.
 Max Bibos Restaurant
 Papa's Dodge
 Pequinin Day Care
 St. Francis Hospital
 Sheppard Meadows
 Spring Brook Ice and Fuel
 TJ Maxx
 WDRC

SPX Precision Components
 Central CT State University
 New Britain Museum of Art
 Prudential Insurance
 Telemundo
 Dept. of Environ. Protection
 Hartford Police Dept.
 First Transit Inc.
 4702 2nd Ave.
 American Red Cross
 Celebration Foods
 CT Grapevines
 Double Tree Hotel
 Hospital of Central CT
 Jumoke Academy
 Knox Parks Foundation
 Money Market Mortgage
 New England Carousel Museum
 Power Cuts
 State Farm Insurance
 Smith Whiley & Co.
 The New Britain Herald
 Viking Kitchen Cabinets
 Tomasso Group

Hartford Hospital
 City of Hartford
 Ramada Inn
 Guida's Dairy
 Marshall's
 Walgreens
 Aetna Insurance
 Young Studios
 A.J. Wright
 C-Town Deli
 Clothes Horse
 CVS Pharmacy
 General Electric
 Imagination Museum
 Jerome Home
 La Quinta Hotel
 NB – Berlin YMCA
 Parker Hannifin
 PCC Technology
 Stop and Shop
 Sponge Bros. Car Wash
 Tinker Realty and Insurance
 Walnut Hill Care Center
 UBS

2009 Overview and Outcomes

- The 2008 programs contributed to increased school retention and graduation – 2009 is likely to continue positive performance.
- Employer engagement effort unprecedented.
- Youth recruitment and WIA registration process unprecedented.
- Conservation Corps resurrected employing urban youths to maintain region's state parks.
- Highly attended Out-of-School Youth Transition conference for ongoing employment, education and support services gave participants a bridge to further progression.
- Exit surveys indicated high satisfaction rates – youths rated their overall experience at 3.41 out of 4.
- Program gave many youths their first jobs – 39% of respondents indicated this was their first work experience.



Out of School Youth Career Exploration Expo