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Parents Encouraged to Monitor Working Children

CRANSTON – As summer draws near and the school year draws to a close, Rhode Island’s youth are poised to enter the work force in greater numbers. Federal and State Labor Laws provide protection and provision for this potentially vulnerable population.

Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with child labor laws, which detail the type of work permitted for various age groups, hourly work limits, and wage information. Safety of the children is paramount and these workers should be employed in a safe environment and in most cases be protected by Workers’ Compensation Insurance.

Parents, or employers, who wish to learn more about the Federal and State Labor Laws are encouraged to call the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training’s Education Unit at 462-8100, x1 or visit www.dlt.ri.gov/ls/childlabor/htm.

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The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job, or a career change. Rhode Island’s work force is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and work place health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to unemployed, sick, or injured workers and a comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to those injured on the job.

DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

For more information on the innovative programs and services available to all Rhode Islanders at the Department of Labor and Training, please call (401) 462-8000 or visit the web site at www.dlt.ri.gov.

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