

2008 YOUTH SERVICE STRATEGY

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION

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Program Type: Leadership Development

This program to serve youth ages 16-24 from the Northern RI area. Program will provide leadership development workshops that incorporate social responsibilities, positive social behaviors and positive attitude awareness. Youth referred by the Youth Center will participant in a series of 6 curriculum based workshops of 2 hours each. Each session will include computer-based community mapping segment, which will provide a focus for each workshop and help participants identify the resources that are available.

Program Type: Work Preparation

They will serve youth from the Northern RI area. BVCAP will provide work readiness workshop series that incorporates employment skills training and work maturity skills for youth 16 to 24. Youth will participant in a series of 6 curriculum based workshops of 2 hours each where they will prepare for employment.

RI Foster Parent Association

Contact Person: Julie DiBari
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Program Type: Adult Mentoring

Program to serve youth ages 14-24 from the East Bay, Northern RI, Washington County, and West Bay areas. This program will focus on youth in State care in sustained part-time or full time employment by utilizing goal-focused relationships with caring mentors. This mentoring program will complement other activities that the youth participates in through their local Youth Center. This program uses national best practices in mentoring older youth to support the relationships between both the adults identified from the youth's own network and the community adults that are engaged.

Program Type: Leadership Development

To serve youth ages 14-24 in a summer employment program in the East Bay, Northern RI, Washington County and West Bay areas. The mission of the Rhode Island Jim Casey Opportunities Initiative is to ensure that youth aging out of foster care will have increased opportunities for successful transition to self-sufficiency. Youth will complete 12-week comprehensive financial literacy training, and upon completion are provided the opportunity to open an IDA account. Money deposited into participants IDA account is matched dollar for dollar (up to \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of an approved asset). Youth are linked with employment partners who help them find, secure and sustain employment to enable match savings.

WESTBAY COMMUNITY ACTION

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Warwick, RI
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Program Type: Work Preparation

Program to serve youth ages 14-24 from the West Bay area. This program will focus on finding jobs through business partnerships, job development, placement, and work readiness skills via paid and unpaid internships, work experience, and short-term vocational training in demand jobs.

The Homestead Group

Contact Person: Michael Worthen
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Program Type: Work Experience

Program to serve 24 youth ages 14-24 from the Northern RI area. The proposed 6-week summer program will target youth diagnosed with development disabilities and in need of greater support. The program reflects person-centered planning, a method for transition vocational training. Participants will complete a personal portfolio consisting of written and visual displays; experience their own person-centered career exploration, work preparation and work experience. Participants will be selected through an internal application system, once they have been assessed at the local Youth Center. The proposed program will begin in May 2008. At the completion of program students will be referred to local Youth Center for additional services and follow-up when applicable.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEWPORT

Contact Person: Dan Erickson
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Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the East Bay area. This is a 7 week summer program targeting youth in foster care and youth involved with juvenile justice. Specific services include career development, job readiness and life skills training with a primary focus on exploring jobs in the regional labor market, (i.e., hospitality industry, marine industries, as well as auto mechanics). Participants will also complete two community service projects.

Program Type: Leadership Development

This program to serve youth ages 14-18 from the East Bay area to provide leadership development. This program is called "We Can Too" is a comprehensive, multi-faceted initiative designed to help youth gain leadership and life skills needed to succeed in the world.

MY TURN

Contact Person: Barbara Duffy
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Program Type: WIA

Program will serve In-School Youth ages 14-18 in Pawtucket and Bristol areas. They will provide a comprehensive array of education, including basic skills development, job readiness, summer employment activities, and follow-up.

Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the East Bay area. The five-week summer program will engage youth in the marine trades industry. During the program, youth will gain practical work skills for the marine trades; inform the youth about entry-level and career-building jobs, and provided work-readiness skills.

Program Type: Work Preparation

Program to serve youth ages 14-24 from the East Bay and Northern RI areas. My Turn seeks to deliver work preparation and work maturity services to in-school youth who are at high risk of dropping out of school. Work preparation and work maturity services encompass a three-step process designed to ensure successful outcomes for youth in acquiring and keeping a job. These include assessment of career interest and skills, development of soft and hard skills needed for successful employment, exploration of jobs and careers, and exposure to local opportunities in critical and emerging industries.

CENTRAL RI AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

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Program Type: Summer Program

Proposes a program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the Northern RI area. The seven-week summer program will address health care workforce and is designed to introduce students to the many and varied health care careers available after high school.

RI HOSPITAL, A LIFESPAN PARTNER

Contact Person: Alexis Devine
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Providence, RI
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Program Type: Work Experience

Program to serve youth ages 16-19 from East Bay, Northern RI, Washington County and West Bay areas. The seven-week summer program will address health care workforce and is designed to introduce students to the many and varied health care careers available after high school. The goals of proposed program are to empower youth with workplace readiness skills, job experience, and self-efficacy.

YEAR UP

Contact Person: Sara Enright
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Program Type: Work Experience

Program to serve youth ages 18-24 from the East Bay, Northern RI, Washington County and West Bay areas. The one-year program is an intensive training and apprenticeship that provides underserved urban youth with an opportunity to achieve economic self-sufficiency through technology-oriented careers and continuing education.

RIVERZEDGE ARTS PROJECT

Contact Person: Michelle Novello
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Woonsocket, RI
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Program Type: Summer Program

Proposes a program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the Northern RI area. The seven-week program will provide youth with an opportunity to work with artists in fine and commercial arts in graphic design, digital photography, silkscreen or painting.

FAMILY RESOURCES COMMUNITY ACTION

Contact Person: Mark Foley
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Woonsocket, RI
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Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the Northern RI area. The 6 week summer program will target at-risk youth and engage them in work readiness activities and job shadowing opportunities. The program will focus on high demand sectors including Healthcare, Hospitality & Tourism, Technology, Social Services & Education, and Creative Arts. Participants will be selected through an internal application system, once they have been assessed at the local Youth Center. The proposed program will begin in June 2008.

SER JOBS-FOR-PROGRESS

Contact Person: Carlos Pedro
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Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the Northern RI area. The 6 week summer program will target youth from Central Falls area engaging them in a combination of classroom training and work experience activities for a total of 20 hours a week.

TRI-TOWN COMMUNITY ACTION

Contact Person: Jen Cornwell
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Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve 100 youth ages 14-15 from the Northern and Washington County RI area. The 7 week summer program will target disadvantaged youth to provide a comprehensive employment-based service. Specific services include career awareness, employability skills, work maturity skills, unpaid work experiences, peer centered group projects, company tours, guest speakers, field trips, and leadership development activities. Participants will be selected through an internal application system, once they have been assessed at the local Youth Center. The proposed program will begin in June 2008.

CENTRAL FALLS SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Contact Person: Alberto Deburgo
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Program Type: Summer Program

Program to serve youth ages 14-15 from the Northern RI area. The proposed 7 week summer program will target disadvantaged youth to provide individual and group activities, visit local colleges, run workshops and presentation. Workshops will focus on work readiness, team building, and youth development. Career awareness will be addressed through visits to area colleges and presentation by local businesses and corporations.

CCAP

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Providence Skills Center
Warwick Skills Center

Program Type: WIA

Description: Program serves 50 Younger Youth - Out-of-School 16-18 years of age from "state wide". Program will provide innovative and individualized job readiness and employment services as well as academic and independent living skills. Services will be provided at the Providence and Warwick Skills Center. Follow-up will start in the second year with monthly activities to help participants build upon competencies gained during the first year of program.

Description: Program serves 50 Older Youth 19-21 years of age from "state wide". Program will provide innovative and individualized job readiness and employment services as well as academic and independent living skills, pharmacy tech, photo lab skills, and ITA's. Services will be provided at the Providence and Warwick Skills Center. Follow-up will start in the second year with monthly activities to help participants build upon competencies gained during the first year of program.
