

TO: Schools City Collaborative

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SUBJECT: work2future's Youth Programs -
2009

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Introduction

work2future is one of two investment boards in Santa Clara County, functioning as the local administrative arm of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) for the central and southern parts of the county. Under the Umbrella of the City of San José Office of Economic Development, work2future offers a wide range of services to youth in the San Jose service area (Campbell, Los Altos, Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County) and South County (Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Martin.) The following programs are available to youth during calendar year 2009:

work2future Youth Program

The work2future Youth program is designed to serve out-of-school youth ages 17-21. Our focus is to assist youth in obtaining a high school diploma or GED, job skills, short-term job training, employment and assistance in entering post secondary education. A brief overview of the eligibility requirements for our program include:

- ✓ Ages 17-21
- ✓ Resident of Santa Clara County
- ✓ Out of school
- ✓ Meet income requirements

And one or more of the following:

Basics Skills Deficient (literacy, math), homeless, runaway, foster child, pregnant or parenting, offender, requires additional Assistance to complete an Educational Program or to Secure and hold Employment.

Enrollment period for this program is July 1, 2009- January 15, 2010. Please contact work2future's Youth Hotline at 408.794.1156 for more information.

College Internship Program

The College Internship Program is designed to recruit 20 WIA-eligible youth ages 18-21 that are currently enrolled in College to intern at various community-based organizations. These internships are compensated as follows: \$15.00/hr, 20hrs/week for 26 weeks from March 2009-Sept. 2009. In addition, the Interns will organize one citywide community event prior to completing the program.

For more information, please contact Richard Martinez at 408.794.1107.

Background for Summer Youth Employment Program

The U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate approved the Federal Stimulus Package. This memorandum presents the proposed work2future Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) based on anticipated stimulus funding.

A key component of the Federal Stimulus Package is to create jobs and prepare the workforce for careers. The Federal package includes \$1.2 billion to States to support summer youth employment programs through Workforce Investment Act Training and Employment Services. The information provided herein centers exclusively upon work2future's anticipated Stimulus Funding formula allocations. At this time, we have not received formal notice of our allocations; however, given limited timeframes for obligating and spending this funding, staff is developing a preliminary plan and budget with the ultimate objective of expediting implementation of received funds. **The application release date for this program is pending.**

Summer Youth Employment Program Overview

The proposed SYEP will employ an estimated 800 to 1,250 WIA-eligible youth ages 15-24, for an 8-week period from June 15, 2009 – August 14, 2009. Eligibility for the SYEP will consist of verifying eligibility for reduced or free lunch programs for in-school youth, and out-of-school youth will need to be considered under standard WIA low-income guidelines. All youth will be required to participate in 40 hours of work readiness prior to completing the program. Work readiness workshops include: identifying job skills, completing employment applications, resume development, interview skills, labor market information, industry cluster information, job retention, appropriate work behavior, and employee rights and responsibilities.

Worksite locations for youth will include: public sector sites, community based organizations, and school districts. As currently envisioned, 20% of the youth served would reside in the South County Area (Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Martin) and 80% will be from the San Jose service delivery area (Campbell, Los Altos, Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County.)

Work2future Youth Summer Employment Program Target Populations:

Number of Participants	Age	<u>Weekly employment hours</u>
200	15-16	24 hrs
300	17-18	30 hrs
500	19-24	40 hrs

For additional information regarding the SYEP, please contact Richard Martinez at 408.794.1107 or Alex Fernandez at 408.794.1120.

If you would like to receive email information regarding work2future's youth programs and events, please email alejandra.fernandez@sanjoseca.gov to be placed on the distribution list.



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