

Federally-Funded Summer Youth Employment Program Up and Running

\$170,000* in wages were paid for the first week of the program July 6 – July 10. That's \$170,000 in wages going into our communities to pay bills, save for college, provide tax revenue and economic stimulus funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). And that is just the beginning. It doesn't include the thousands of leveraged wages and stipends paid in the Tier I and Tier II programs, made available through funding from the City of Hartford, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, The American Savings Foundation, The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, The Travelers Foundation, The Aetna Foundation and Phoenix Companies, Inc.

Where are the youths working?

Sample worksite locations include:

- Prudential
- WDRC Radio
- Central CT State University, New Britain
- SPX Precision Manufacturing
- State Farm Insurance
- Walgreens
- Ramada Inn
- Hartford Hospital
- Bristol Board of Education
- New Britain Museum of Art
- Telemundo
- Community Renewal Team

Now that's an investment that pays!

*\$170,000 in wages is approximate. Some wages for week one will be paid in week 2.



New Britain Consolidated School District and CCSU have the Summer Youth Employment Program "Wired"

As part of the Summer Youth Employment Program, Central Connecticut State University Information Technology Services Worksite has its students working on wire management and other IT service calls throughout the campus. Not only are these youths getting work experience in IT, they're getting a good sense of what the college is all about.

Photo taken July 22, 2009.

This program is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and administered through Capital Workforce Partners

Letter from a Career Connections Participant after May 2009 Career Exploration Expo

Good afternoon Mr. Mink,

My name is Vanessa Machin and I am a member of the HART Youth Committee as well as a member of the Career Connections program at SMSA this year. I want to thank you again for providing us with such a wonderful event and I was sincere when I stated that most of the youth in Hartford don't get these types of chances in life. So, it truly is an honor being a part of such a great program.

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July 22, 2009 – Ten out-of-school youths were hired and assigned to Community Renewal Team’s Energy Department. No job is easy and this one is no exception. Xavier(in photo above) has been assigned as a call center representative. Call center representatives at CRT average 365 calls in just two days. Xavier and all the youth here are enthusiastic about the challenge and they take it on without hesitation. The youths in this program are doing great in this program and some may be offered a full-time job if positions are available.

-Photo and Article by Antoine Harris – Summer Youth Employment Participant – Communications Coordinator with Capital Workforce Partners

Adult Education Redesign In the Works

Hartford Public Schools passed the Adult Education Redesign Plan, reorganizing its Washington Street Center and creating a workforce connection by orienting instructors in the CWP Career Competencies that will be part of its curriculum. Instructors will also refer students to the broad statewide network of CTWorks Career Centers in the state, for assistance in career development and job procurement.

National League of Cities Awards Technical Assistance Grant to City of Hartford To Enhance Programs for Disconnected Youth

This program involves training youth service and job specialists on how to use stimulus funds to help people who have left school, lack jobs and skills, and are in danger of becoming chronic drains on society. Through September the league will host a series of online “webinars” that include officials from Hartford and Manchester, CT and 10 other communities nationwide. The program focuses on ways to get young people who have left school to get back on the right path to successful careers.

Government and Law Academy Students Hold Mock Debate

July 17, 2009 - 56 youths from the Tier I and II Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program engaged in a mock debate in drafting bills for issues related to the school environment. This is the type of work and “learning” experience that is ideal in preparing the future lawyers, educators, policy makers and politicians of tomorrow. Who ever said summer was just for “hanging around!”



The Hartford Government and Law Academy Students - go "on trial" at The Robinson and Cole Law Firm, Hartford

July 24, 2009 - As part of the Summer Youth Employment Program, over 40 sophomore Tier II students participated in a mock trial and learned about the various occupations at the law firm.



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Meet the Exemplary Agencies Delivering Outstanding Future Workforce Development Services this Year (and some of the worksites employing their youths)

ARRA Funded Programs

- **Blue Hills Civic Association:** St. Francis Hospital, PCC Technology, Hartford Board of Ed., WDRC
- **Bristol Community Organization:** Sheppard Meadows, Bristol Hospital, Bristol Housing Authority
- **CREC:** – Walgreens, Community Enterprises, Oak Hill, Abundant Family Center
- **CRT:** Finance Dept, Energy Dept, Hartford Hospital, 360 Federal Credit Union, Hartford Job Corps Academy
- **Connecticut. Puerto Rican Forum:** City of Hartford, Hughes Health and Rehab, Telemundo, Hartford Police Dept.

– **Consolidated School District of New Britain:** SPX Precision Mfg, State Farm Insurance, CCSU

– **Corraro Center for Careers:** Pequenin Day Care, C Town Deli, Capital Community College, CCARC:

– **Hartford Communities That Care** – Salvation Army, First Transit, Hartford Communities That Care

– **HRA of New Britain** – CW Resources, Allstate Insurance, CPS Properties, Guida's Dairy

– **John Driscoll ULA** – Comm. Mental Health Affiliates, NB Museum of Art, Tomasso Group

– **New England Farm Workers Council** – Ramada Inn, AJ Wright, Dutch Point Development

– **OIC of New Britain** – YMCA, CCSU, Stanley Tools, Jerome Home, The New Britain Herald, Red Cross

– **Our Piece of the Pie** – Aetna, WFC Martial Arts, Prudential Insurance, CEHJ Cosmetology

– **SAND Corp.** – Hartford Police Dept, UBS, Knox Parks, North Star Development, Restoring Lives Corp.

– **Urban League of Greater Hartford** – Marshalls, West Middle School, Jo Ryu Security

Additional Municipal and Foundation Funded Programs: Artists Collective, Boys & Girls Club,, CREC Teen Teach, CT Rivers Boy Scouts, Village for Children and Families, Capital Community College, Central AHEC, Johnson Stewart Center, Pathways Senderos, Restoring Lives Ministry, West End Community Center, Hartford Government and Law Academy, and more.

Career Connections – Tier IV - What's it all About?

An adjunct to the sought-after Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program that provides learning and employment opportunities to youths 14+ (Tiers I – III), this top-end, Tier IV program and year-round opportunity provides additional, meaningful exposure to private sector workplaces through a number of high-touch initiatives such as:



- Career Exploration Days
- Job Shadowing Opportunities
- Field Trips and Company Tours
- Internships and Pre-Apprenticeships
- *And, more*

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