

2023

CONNECTICUT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



Connecticut's five regional Workforce Development Boards run the Connecticut Youth Employment Program. It creates equitable opportunities for low-income youth by connecting them to local employers where they can earn up to \$1,800 in wages.

Key Program Elements

The program helps youth explore career pathways, build career readiness, gain work experience and earn a paycheck. The program breaks down barriers and expands the future talent pool for employers.



Personal Growth & Career Planning



Resume Development & Interview Skills



Foundational Competencies / Soft Skills



Work Experience
Earn up to \$1,800



Career Awareness & Exploration



Access to Labor Market Information



Referrals to Community Partners



Connect to Resources at American Job Centers

Advancing Priority Workforce Development Strategies

CT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL

Program Reach

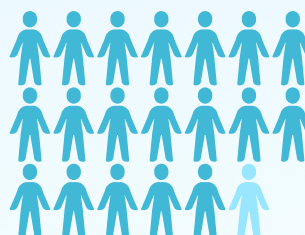
3,382 Youth served across

127 Towns/Cities

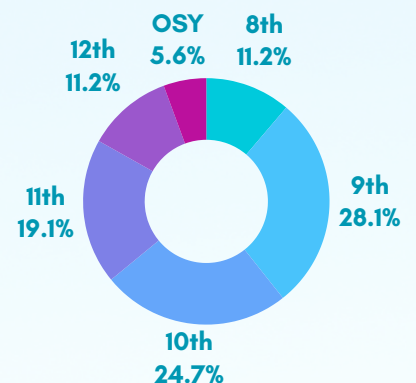
Engaging the Future Workforce

19 in 20

Youth are in-school



Youth Served by Grade



Create equitable opportunities & access



Increase career awareness



Work-based learning & work experience



Increase employer engagement



Expand the talent pool

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Creating Equitable Opportunities for Priority Populations

1 in 3



Youth served
identify as
Hispanic/Latino

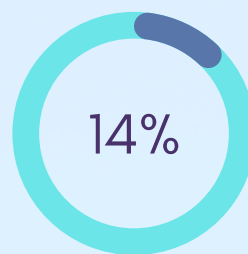
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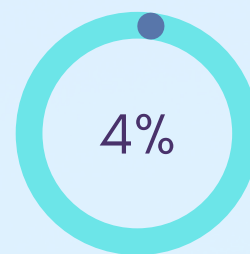
Identify as
Black/AA,
Asian, multiple
race or other



Of youth served are
low-income



Of youth are
**individuals with
disabilities**



Of youth are
DCF-involved

Untapped Potential for Growth and Impact

Community Partners + Statewide Infrastructure = Success



100,000 Disconnected
Youth in CT

10,000 Youth Applied to
the Program

3,382 Youth Participated
in the 2023 Program

Program Benefits



Boost earnings for youth who
may have difficulty finding a
summer job



Reduce involvement with the
criminal justice system



Improvements in social-emotional
skills, academic & career
aspirations, and job readiness



More likely to graduate from high
school on time