

Youth in the News

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Next-Generation Jobs Team Update

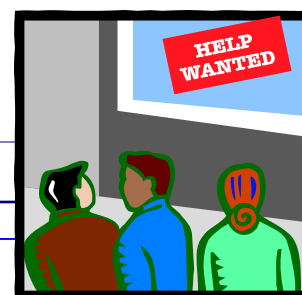
The Next-Generation Jobs Team, summer youth program, have subcontractors busily working to match youth ages 16 to 24 to jobs where they will learn a new skill or be placed in an internship that will give them a real world experience in one of the high-tech, higher-growth jobs of the future. Under this summer program, there have been 1,810 applicant website referrals and 284 business website referrals.

The total planned enroll-

ments for the Southeast Region is 468. So far, there have been a total of 91 actual enrollments which makes up 19% of the enrollment goal.

A total of 42 youth have been matched with jobs in the Southeast Region. They are working in areas such as clerical, recreational service, automotive, child-care, construction, office database, landscape design, city maintenance (learning skills involving small machinery, road and electrical work) and optometry.

In next month's newsletter, we will share stories and photos of some summer youth at work in the Southeast Region counties. We will continue to include updates throughout the summer about the Next-Generation Jobs Team summer youth program and the valuable skills being learned by the youth in our region.



It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed.

-Napoleon Hill

Hard Times for Youth Looking for Summer Jobs

According to Associated Press, teenagers are having a hard time getting summer jobs this year due to the nation's weak economy. With unemployment rates high and many companies still cutting jobs, today's youth are finding they are competing with adults for the few job openings there are this summer.

Laid-off adults along with college

graduates are joining teenagers in line for job openings in hospitality and retail work which in the past have been normally filled by high school and college students. Unfortunately for the youth, adults are being hired to fill those openings due to their acquired experience in the workforce.

Teens looking for work this sum-

mer should visit their local Missouri Career Source Center for information on jobs available in their area and list of resources and services available to help in their search for employment this summer.

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Youth Spotlight in Upcoming Issues



Beginning in the June issue of the youth newsletter, two counties from the Southeast Region will be featured each month in the Spotlight section. Youth case managers are excited about being able to

share **more** stories about what is happening with the youth in their county.

The two counties that are to be "spotlighted" in the June issue will be Iron County and Perry

County. We look forward to reading about what is happening with the youth in these two counties next month!



MERS/Goodwill



Dunklin County youth case manager, Cathy Reyes writes- May was an exciting month in Dunklin County. We started out the month with a Malden Monthly Meeting at the Pizza Hut in Malden. There were 13 in attendance. We had a guest speaker which was one of our exited youth, Alex Hill, who is just finishing up his first year at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff. We also had a monthly

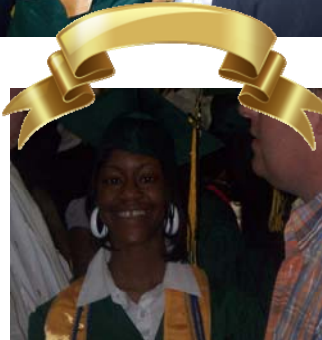
meeting and a "Your Job" workshop in Kennett. But probably the best activity of all this month was on 5/17/2009 when 12 of the youth from Dunklin County MERS/Goodwill youth program walked across the stage to receive their High School Diploma! Seven of those youth have already enrolled in college, one in Nursing School, and one has signed up for the Army.

"So celebrate what you've accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed.

-Mia Hamm

Graduation

2009



COUNTY	CASELOAD	# OF ACTIVITIES	D.O. PREVENTION/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	WORK-SITE LEARNING	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	ATTAINMENT/Completion
BOLLINGER	1 IS 11 OS	2	4 Alt. School	3	0	1	0
SCOTT	3 IS 13 OS	13	12 Alt. School	4	1	9	1 High School Diploma
CAPE	0 IS 14 OS	4	6 Alt. School	6	0	8	0
PEMISCOT	10 IS 12 OS	4	7 Alt. School	2	2	7	1 GED/ 3 High School Diplomas
MISSISSIPPI	3 IS 16 OS	3	11 Alt. School	1	0	4	1 High School Diploma
DUNKLIN	16 IS 9 OS	3	1/4 DO Prevention/Alt. School	6	0	5	11 High School Diplomas/ 1 Employed
NEW MADRID	6 IS 5 OS	2	2 Alt. School	0	0	0	2 High School Diplomas
STODDARD	0 IS 25 OS	10	16 Alt. School	0	2	12	2 Employed
PERRY	2 IS 16 OS	5	12 Alt. School	6	1	10	3 GEDs/ 1 Employed
MADISON	3 IS 13 OS	4	9 DO Preven- tion	0	0	0	2 High School Diplomas
IRON	2 IS 20 OS	2	3 DO Preven- tion	0	0	2	2 High School Diplomas
STE. GENEVIEVE	13 IS 19 OS	4	0	0	1	6	3 High School Diplomas
ST. FRANCOIS	5 IS 14 OS	2	1 DO Preven- tion	2	0	0	0

DO: DROP OUT

IS: IN SCHOOL

OS: OUT OF SCHOOL

County	Activities
Perry	Quarterly youth meeting, Work Readiness Classes, and workshop on "Taking Charge of Your Checking Account"
Bollinger	Quarterly youth meeting
Scott	Work Readiness Classes, Extra Study Time-GED, and Online GED Study
Dunklin	Monthly youth meeting, I-Care 3 Mile Walk, and workshop on "Your Job"
Mississippi	Workshop on "Poverty Simulation"
Pemiscot	Monthly youth meeting and Work Readiness Classes
Stoddard	Monthly youth meeting, Work Readiness Classes, and workshop on "Finding a Job"
Cape	Scholars@Work, Monthly youth meeting, Work Readiness Classes, and workshop on "Test Taking Strategies"
Ste. Genevieve	Workshops on "Pocket Resumes", "Budgeting", "Pre-Work Keys", and "O-Net"
Iron	Youth Council Meeting and Group Counseling Workshop
Madison	Activities scheduled for May cancelled due to storm damage and power outages and will be rescheduled at a later date
St. Francois	Monthly youth meeting and workshop on "Summer Jobs Program"
New Madrid	Monthly youth meeting



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