



Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council Youth Activities

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We are happy to report that we are eagerly planning our **2010 Summer Employment Program**. This year DED will have two summer programs.

DED has created several partnerships in order to increase the number of youth being served this year. Health & Human Services has provided funding to offer youth in foster care an opportunity to work and gain valuable employment related skills.

We have also created a partnership with Montgomery County Park & Planning, Recreation, Maryland Multicultural Center and Great Seneca Park to bring the Civic Justice Corps to Montgomery County.

The Civic Justice Corp is a unique summer program offered by the Maryland State Parks. Youth will be working with the men and women of the Maryland Park Rangers and the Conservation Corps to improve the health and maintenance of Maryland's state parks and Montgomery County Parks.

Youth will be learning about Maryland's ecological history and working to preserve that history by performing hands-on restoration projects including trail maintenance and construction, reforestation projects and other exciting projects.

The Civic Justice Corps will provide youth participants with valuable skills in park forestry management and possible careers in the environmental field.

We have recruited 30 youth from all over Montgomery County. ARRA funding will be used to support the Civic Justice Corp project.

We have placed over a 100 youth in worksites in a variety of industries to include IT, Health Care, Education, and Businesses.

We would like to thank several of our WIB members for supporting our Summer Program by offering to be a worksite. Adventist Health Care, Hispanic Business Foundation, Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), Montgomery College, Standard Supplies, Rose Financial, Sandy Spring Bank, and Kaiser Permanente.

Each summer we have expanded our summer employment opportunities for youth. We have worked from a comprehensive service strategy based model which allows youth to think about their individual

career & educational pathway. We are working with the private sector, in addition to the public sector to provide year round unsubsidized employment for youth.

Our next Youth Council Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2010.

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