



*The Youth Council, a committee of the County's Workforce Investment Board (WIB), aims to build a strong future workforce in Montgomery County by enabling all youth ages 14-21 particularly the most vulnerable youth, to acquire the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences they need to become successful adults, citizens, and workers.*

The Montgomery County WIB Youth Council met October 21, 2010 at Arts on the Block in Silver Spring, Md.

### **Arts on the Block**

The Youth Council established a new meeting format, which includes learning more about the resources in the County through rotating the location among different members. Our first host was Arts on the Block-Jan Goldstein-Director. Arts on the Block is a youth employment and development program which engages youth in paid opportunities to work with established artist/mentors on commissioned artwork and entrepreneurial projects.

### **Youth Council Priorities for 2011**

Youth Council members have been charged to determine and identify some priority topics that the Youth Council will focus on in 2011. Members were asked to list two areas to improve youth workforce development in the County.

Youth Council will identify a few members who will work with the chair and co-chair to redefine the ideas presented and consider the implications of the WIB's new strategic plan.

### **Youth Job Fair**

The Youth Council discussed the Annual Youth Job Fair. The Youth Council will serve as a sponsor and there will be numerous opportunities for the WIB Members and Youth Council Members involvement.

Previous Job Fairs have had great success, exposing thousand of youth to job opportunities, raising community awareness about the importance of youth employment, and connecting many youth to job placement.

### **The Next Youth Council Meeting**

January 20, 2011  
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