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Private Employers Wanted For Summer Youth Employment Program

CareerSource Broward Can Cover 50 Percent Of The Wage For Each Young Adult Hired

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Jan. 17, 2018 – CareerSource Broward (CSBD) is seeking for-profit businesses to participate in this year’s Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for young adults who are looking to gain a meaningful and positive work experience.

SYEP, a program of CSBD and primarily funded by the Children’s Services Council of Broward County (CSC), provides students between the ages of 16 to 18 with paid summer employment for an eight-week period between June and August. Selected youth work in a variety of clerical and assistant or aide roles, and the program includes a three-day, paid training period that focuses on job-readiness skills, professionalism and expectations.

"Teaching our youth how to effectively apply soft skills in the workplace is a significant part of professional growth and personal development," said Mason C. Jackson, President/CEO of CareerSource Broward. "These summer jobs not only offer a valuable experience, but can even boost academic performance, improve self-confidence and foster important relationships with mentors and businesses that can give students a competitive advantage in today’s job market."

For-profit businesses that participate with SYEP make an initial investment of \$990 to sponsor a work experience for each young adult hired, while CSBD covers the remaining costs associated with the program. Employers also receive recruitment, screening and matching services, as well as workers’ compensation and payroll – all at a value of \$1,990. The 2018 program year begins on Monday, June 18.

"Getting and succeeding in that first job is extremely important for youth," said Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer, President/CEO of the CSC. "Most of us will never forget the pride and sense of accomplishment we felt when we received our first pay check. It is an important gateway toward becoming responsible, productive adults, and when these youths succeed, the entire community benefits in countless ways."

Employers interested in participating as a worksite for SYEP are asked to contact Latema King, program manager, at lking@careersourcebroward.com. For additional information about SYEP, visit <http://syep.careersourcebroward.com> or call (954) 202-3830 and ask for the SYEP department.

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