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CareerSource Broward Kicks Off Summer Employment Program For Youth

800+ Students To Earn Extra Cash While Gaining Real-Life Work Experience

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – June 20, 2016 – Today, more than 800 Broward County youth will be setting their alarm clocks and heading out to their new jobs looking to gain real-life work experience and learn valuable workplace soft skills as participants in this year’s Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

SYEP – a program of CareerSource Broward (CSBD) – provides Broward County youth between the ages of 16 and 18 with paid summer employment, specifically for an eight-week period between June and August. Prospective applicants who meet eligibility requirements are then selected by a random lottery. The program also includes a three-day, paid training period that focuses on job-readiness skills, professionalism and expectations. Funding contributions in support of this year’s program is provided primarily by Children Services Council of Broward County. Generous funding support is also provided by Broward County, City of Fort Lauderdale, City of Pembroke Pines and Town of Davie.

"If we want to ensure that Broward County continues to experience economic success, it is important that our community invests in developing our future workforce today," said Mason C. Jackson, President/CEO of CareerSource Broward. "SYEP opens the door to many opportunities that give much-needed work experience and allows our talented youth to begin developing their full potential."

Youth that are selected to participate in SYEP work in clerical and assistant or aide roles with government agencies, libraries, community organizations, nonprofits and more. This year’s participating employers include Broward County, City of Fort Lauderdale, Memorial Healthcare System, Humane Society of Broward County, Florida Department of Children and Families, and YMCA.

Applications for the 2016 SYEP are no longer being accepted. To learn more about SYEP or how to apply for next year’s program, visit <http://syep.careersourcebroward.com> or call at (954) 202-3830, ext. 3021 or 3023.

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About CareerSource Broward

CareerSource Broward (CSBD), the administrative entity of the Broward Workforce Development Board, is a federally-funded, locally controlled organization that provides innovative employment solutions and quality workforce services to businesses and individuals in Broward County. These services are delivered through three strategically located career centers, which provide individual assistance with the Employ Florida Marketplace, job placement services, career coaching and other employment-related needs. For more information, please visit www.careersourcebroward.com, [facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward](https://www.facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward) or follow @CareerSourceBD on Twitter.