

Summer Across PA

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM PUTS MORE THAN 9,200 TO WORK-RECOVERY ACT FUNDING HELPS EXCEED GOAL, PROVIDES EDUCATION, TRAINING. Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that more than 9,200 young people across the state are working this summer in jobs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — exceeding the original goal of 8,600.

“Because of funding from the Recovery Act, this year we have more than four times the 2,205 youth who were able to participate last year,” Governor Rendell said.

“Being able to help more than 9,200 young people secure jobs in the midst of a recession is a prime example of how our economic recovery efforts are working. We are getting the money out, putting people to work and providing them with work experience opportunities they wouldn’t have without this funding.”

Governor Rendell was joined at the announcement by 20 Summer Youth Employment Program participants from the Harrisburg and York areas.

The statewide program, funded by \$34.5 million awarded to local workforce investment areas according to a federal formula, will provide job training and education services for unemployed workers and young people between 14 and 24 seeking summer employment. The program focuses on at-risk youth, dropouts, teen parents and other youth with barriers to education and employment.

“Young adults are hit particularly hard by the national recession, which makes it especially important that we prepare them for the workforce,” Governor Rendell said. “The unemployment rate for 16 to 19 year-olds in Pennsylvania is nearly 19 percent and nearly 13 percent for those ages 20 to 24, compared to a 7 percent rate for those ages 25-plus.

“The summer youth program helps us place young people

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What’s going on Next Week.....

“Building Confidence for Your Job Search”

Presented by Kim J.

Mon, July 27th, 9-11:00 am

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, July 28th, 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, July 28th, 1:00-2:00 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, July 29th, 9:00-2:30pm

“How to Apply for Civil Service Employment”

Presented by Kim J.

Thu, July 30th, 9-10:00 am

into what – in many cases – is their first exposure to the workplace, and does so in a way that can help develop interest in careers in some of Pennsylvania’s most important industries,” the Governor said. “As evidenced by the young people here today and those working throughout the state, the summer youth employment program is an ideal way to build vocational skills, earn money and develop a sense of pride in what they are contributing to the labor force and society



SUMMER IN MONROE

by **Lauren Comiskey**, Assistant Summer Youth Coordinator

Madness. Utter and total chaos. And for once, I’m not talking about traffic on 611.

After making numerous calls about working papers, attending orientations for participants and their supervisors, and even (gasp!) giving a few orientations myself, the program is underway. However, it hasn’t been completely smooth sailing. A handful of youths have not been placed at worksites, much to their (and their parents’) understandable disappointment. Those phone calls are never fun, telling a 14 or 15 year old that there is no space for them in the program; they tend to be the most difficult to place. And for every eager youth who wants to work but cannot, we have a few who have dropped out, either going to work for a few days and deciding they are not happy with it, or never showing up at the jobsites at all.

Most of the participating youth are three weeks into the program now, and within the next week I will begin the process of going to each site and writing up reports about how each individual participant is doing. I’m really looking forward to this part: I get the chance to talk with the kids about how they like (or don’t like) their work, and then I get to write about it. Guess it’s a good thing I didn’t major in Physics.

Sometimes I feel overwhelmed with the challenges that the Summer Youth Program throws at us; after all, I’m new at this. I’m finding, though, that I’m not the only one still learning.



NCC INFO SESSION

Questions abound over all the opportunities for training that have been made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to individuals receiving UC Benefits. As more and more customers walk through our doors to complete pre-applications for Workforce Investment training, questions will be addressed at a **“Financial Aid Information Session” on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 10:00 am.** It will be held in the Community Room at **Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus in Tannersville.** NCC, a partner of **PA Career Link Monroe County**, will provide and coordinate information on:

- Federal PELL Grant Program
- PA Higher Education Assistance Agency-PHEAA
- Free Application for Student Aid-FAFSA
- Eligible NCC programs

For more information, or to register, call the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** at 570-620-2850.



TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.

CareerLink

Meet the NEW FACE at CAREERLINK-MEGAN ELLIOT

“Hi! My name is **Megan Elliott**. I am not like most girls in the state. I am more of a “tom girl”. When I am not working, I am getting my hands dirty and going to races. When I am at work, I clean up nicely and am not a “tom girl”. As a “daddy’s girl”, I work with my father in his office and work on cars with him in the shop. I am a volunteer fire fighter and like to go to the lake in the summer and to ride snowmobiles in winter. “



(**Megan Elliott** is the Summer Youth Program participant assigned to the **PA CareerLink Monroe County**. **Megan’s** principal job assignment is Career Resource Room Attendant, where she has skillfully assisted the many customers coming into our office. She also assists at seminars, types resumes and will be selecting the “Writing on the Wall” quote for the **FYI**. Next week she will be doing oil changes. **Welcome Megan!**)

Customer Information & Resource TEAM



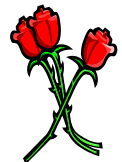
As July winds down, don’t forget to encourage all interested customers to sign up for next week’s special seminars!



On Friday, July 31st, “Building a Business Website” presented by Close the Loop will start at 10:00 am. Are you out of work?.....Looking to start a business online and be your own boss?.....Tired of paying hundreds to thousands per month in rent when you could be open 24/7 for little cost?....If the answer to any of these questions is “yes”, plan to attend this very informative workshop. In addition to what is described in the title, new information such as Micro-Manufacturing (aka home-based manufacturing) along with ideas to market products will be introduced. Seats are going fast...Sign up now. To Register call 570-620-2850, or visit our website. Participants must have some computer experience (email, word).



Social Affairs



Planning for the annual staff picnic is underway. It will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at Mountain View Park starting at 12:00 noon. The theme this year is "Release Your Inner Child", so wear comfortable clothes to "play" in. Administrator John Casella will graciously provide the chicken, hotdogs and hamburgers. A sign up sheet will be posted in the kitchen. Hope to see all of you there!



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Pleasant Valley Manor

—Purchasing Assistant
-web 645481

RX Home Care Inc

—Home Health Care Aids
-web 643581

Pocono Mountain School District

—Technology Engineer
-web 643094

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

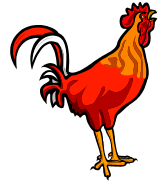
—Residential Assistant II
-web 644627

FedEX Freight East, Inc

—Supervisor Fleet Maintenance
-web 644561

Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank

—Customer Service Representative
-web 644540



Writing on the Wall

**Happiness often sneaks in
through a door you didn't
know you left open.**

—John Barrymore

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