2015 Summer Youth Employment Newsletter

– Youth at Work in North Central Connecticut

HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF THE 2015 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING PROGRAM AND YOUTH IN THE HARTFORD STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Hartford Student Internship Program – Broad Range of Worksites

High School Interns at Bank of America, Hartford Housing Authority, Hartford Public Library and Hartford Public Access TV
Working in New Britain – from “farm” to “office”

Photos from HRA New Britain
Gaining artistic expression, while also learning key career competencies – ‘Power Skills’

Excerpts from Songs in the Key of Life

Photos from Artists Collective, Hartford
Our Future Healthcare Providers

Photos from CREC Public Safety Program, Town of Vernon’ Pitkat Living Center, Women’s Health Center at Hartford Hospital, and OIC’s HSC
Projects builds team work and community advancement

Photos from OIC, CREC E Htfd, Restoring Lives, CWP’s Htfd Hospital Program
Celebrating Success– in Healthcare Workforce Development

High School Interns at Hartford Hospital and Hospital for Special Care
Enhancing Financial Literacy and Fixing Bicycles go Together

Mayor Segarra congratulates Jordan, the winner of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Dollarwise Financial Literacy Contest

Project work and competency training at Center for Latino Progress
Bristol and New Britain Celebrate at Summer Ceremonies

Photos from Bristol Community Organization and HRA New Britain
An Unforgettable – “mock car crash” – Hartford’s Public Safety Personnel Giving Youth Real World, Hands On Experience

CREC’s exercise included loading victims into ambulances, using the Jaws of Life, and loading a stretcher onto a Life Star helicopter.
Many thanks to our Summer Monitors – Keeping our programs on top of their game

(l-r) Jennifer Geyer, Polly Smith, Chanel Little and Carol Dowe
Excerpts from Intern and Worksite Satisfaction Surveys

WHAT THE EMPLOYERS SAID:

“This is a "win-win" program. The students gain a great deal of work experience, mentorship and real life scenarios. The work place gains paid support.”

“We continue to receive a high caliber of kids who are eager to learn and become part of the team. Many thanks to your organization for a job well done.”

“Learning is a two-way experience. There is so much these young people need to learn from us. On the other hand, there is so much we can learn from them. The opportunity to influence the life of a young person is invaluable.”

“Our intern was conscientious and very capable, and helped us to accomplish a variety of high-priority tasks that could not have been done without her. We, in turn, provided a supportive first work experience. We are very grateful for this opportunity to get help, and to give a young person a positive first experience in a high-intensity, team-oriented work setting.”

“Capital Workforce Partners should be commended for preparing these students for a work place environment. All of the students completely understood the necessary requirements to be a productive employee at the Bank of America. Additionally, their direct supervisors were impressed by their ability to interact professionally with both clients and other employees. They were a great addition to our staff!”
WHAT THE INTERNS SAID:

“My experience in this program was way better than I expected. It prepared me for real world situations and how to react with others. Everything I learned I did enjoy because it was something I've never done or learned before. I like this internship because it made me think of the world of work a different way.”

“I liked working at Keney Park because it was very interesting and it helped me learn teamwork and better myself for the future.”

“Yes, my experience here has prepared me for a future job and career because now I know the 8 competencies for having/finding a job. I learned lots of things I never knew before. Like for example, I learned how to budget my money and keep track at my expenses and income. What I like most about the program is that we got the opportunity to have a job like experience.”

“My experience has prepared me for my future because of the things I learned. I learned how to take constructive criticism easy. I like how we learned basic skills for our future.”

“I thank you for the significant contributions you made toward my work and learn experience this summer. This experience did prepare me for my future job. I learned a lot, mostly about the competencies such as basic skills: math skills, basic skills: reading skills, computer literacy, customer service, problem solving and decision making, interpersonal and communication skills, personal qualities, job seeking, and financial literacy. I'm a shy person so I didn't really like when we had to do projects that were meant to improve our interpersonal and communication skills but it really helped me. I feel more comfortable talking and expressing myself in front of a group of people. I liked that we got to interact with people we never met before and ended up becoming friends because of this program. We are also prepared for our future now and I plan on continuing this program next year if I can.”
A THANK YOU to the program funders and partners – these internships wouldn’t happen without you!

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