



Create a system that anticipates,
addresses and exceeds the
workforce needs of our community

Youth Summer Works

Portland, Multnomah & Washington Counties

Fact Sheet

Oregon's teenage unemployment is the 2nd highest in the nation. The Portland metro area isn't any better. Thousands of young people have no connection to jobs or work. And with cuts in summer school opportunities, there is little to do in the summer.

That's about to change.

Students who work at a summer job are more likely to stay in school and graduate. That's why nearly 1200 local young people are going to work this summer and earning a paycheck thanks to *Youth SummerWorks*, a new program funded by the federal stimulus package.

Youth SummerWorks is the first local summer jobs program for low-income kids in a decade. It will inject more than \$3 million dollars in new money in the local economy this summer.

Fast Facts:

- 1300 new summer jobs for low-income young people (ages 16-24).
- Each young person will earn, on average, \$1500 over the summer.
- \$3.27 million of new money in the local economy this summer.
- 12 community partners helping with job placement in Multnomah and Washington counties.
- A variety of summer jobs, including maintaining parks and restoring habitat, customer service and light construction.
- 92 cents of every dollar of federal stimulus money funding *Youth SummerWorks* will go directly to wages and support services.
- *Youth SummerWorks* is the first summer jobs program for low-income kids in Multnomah and Washington Counties in a decade.
- Worksystems and its network of 12 youth service providers got the \$3.3 million program off the ground from scratch in just six weeks.
- Young people must qualify under Department of Labor low-income standards and must have a barrier to employment. That barrier could include no prior work experience, a physical handicap, being a young mother or father, homelessness, foster care dependency or a criminal record.
- Young people will work at sites sponsored by city agencies, nonprofit groups and private companies.

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