

Youth Services Academy

Building for Recovery —
Empowering Pennsylvania's Youth

December 1-2
2009



8:00-9:00 a.m.

Majestic Foyer

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 a.m.

Majestic II & III

Opening Session

Welcome

Fred Dedrick, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Keynote Address

Edward DeJesus

10:15-10:30 a.m.

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Break

10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Response Panel

Secretary Sandi Vito, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Secretary Gerald L. Zahorchak, PA Department of Education

Dan Fogarty, Project Manager, Pennsylvania Center for Advanced Manufacturing Careers

Moderator

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Grande I & II

Lunch

12:45-2:00 p.m.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): What Worked?

(4 concurrent breakout sessions)

Majestic I

Green/Energy/STEM

This interactive session presented by the Northwest Workforce Investment Board (WIB) will acquaint you with two programs currently used in northwest Pennsylvania: *Industry Clubs* and *Career Counselors in the Schools*. Over the past five years, *Industry Clubs* have been run in several local school districts. The *Industry Club* is an after-school program for youth in grades seven, eight and nine focusing on industries in the local area. The *Career Counselors* program was presented to local schools because of a need brought to the Northwest WIB's attention that youth really had no connection to the local PA CareerLinks®. Come and learn more about these great programs and be prepared to share ideas.



Linda McGranaghan, Program Director, Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.

Juanet Hartle, Assistant Program Director, Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.

Steve Wolf, Director of Research and Planning, Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board

12:45-2:00 p.m.

Summer Youth Employment Program: What Worked? (continued)

(4 concurrent breakout sessions)

Grande III & IV

Out-of-School Youth

Remember when we thought the summer would never end? As we approach the winter season, we have the opportunity to share with each other what worked in serving out-of-school youth during the summer youth programs. Join us as we discuss how this funding opportunity benefited our local communities, state and nation. Hear how communities expanded on well-developed practices and initiated new approaches to providing education and work experience opportunities to our future workforce. Use this time to participate with your peers on what worked with young adults. This time is your time to share. Stop by for this informal session of sharing.

Cindy Evans, Workforce Coordinator, Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

James Coley, Workforce Development Specialist, Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board

Majestic II

Work-Based Connections, Industry Partnerships & RCEPs

The West Central Workforce Investment Board (WIB) will introduce a very successful three-level program developed to take youth from a basic orientation to job shadowing with various industry partners. In this session, you will examine several Industry Partnership DVDs produced by the West Central WIB and discuss ways to build relationships with industries in your area. Be prepared to get some great ideas and talk about some of the initiatives in your local area.

Deb Donahue, Youth Coordinator, West Central Job Partnership

Tammy Barbati, PA CareerLink® Programs Coordinator, West Central Job Partnership

Majestic III

Technical Assistance: Commonwealth Workforce Development System Reporting

This Technical Assistance Session will focus on the dynamics of the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS) and the requirements for reporting American Recovery & Reinvestment Act services and activities. We will look at a number of issues including rules impacting performance, data entry and statistics for youth (literacy/numeracy measures) and more.

Carrie Kutney, Special Assistant on ARRA Reporting, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Michael Fuller, Workforce Development Supervisor, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Please visit the 2009 Youth Services Academy Wiki
at: <http://paysa09.wikispaces.com/> for presentations,
handouts and further youth discussion.

2:15-3:30 p.m.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): What's Next?

(4 concurrent breakout sessions)

Majestic I

Green/Energy/STEM

Join us in this interactive dialogue on the "hot" topics of Green Jobs, Energy and STEM. Learn about two local workforce area's strategies to make sure that our youth are part of these wonderful opportunities. Come prepared to share your local approaches and ideas.

Susie Snelick, Director, North Central Workforce Investment Board

Lisa Neil, President, Southwest Training Services, Inc.

Steve Wolf, Director of Research and Planning, Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board

Grande III & IV

Out-of-School Youth

Youth staff in the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board engaged hundreds of out-of-school youth (OSY) through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Strategies included having staff dedicated solely to OSY and recruitment through regular job fairs, the One-stop career resource center, and existing partnerships with agencies who serve OSY such as County Assistance Offices (CAOs). The program was specifically marketed as a job to young adults and was branded "SEE Central PA" (Summer Employment Experience). Both team and individual job placements and opportunities in the public and private sectors were available and matched appropriately with the OSY. A curriculum for academic enrichment to support achievement of the work readiness goal was locally developed based on the Career Education and Work Standards. The curriculum remained flexible enough to accommodate the needs of in-school-youth as well as OSY, regardless of education level. All participants were enrolled and engaged in enrichment activities as cohorts so a sense of community was developed by the end of the program; this also streamlined management and planning. Let's take a look at this program and hear about your ideas a little more in-depth in this session.

Katherine Lomax, Youth Coordinator, Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation

Paul Owens, Director, Pennsylvania Conservation Corps, PA Department of Labor & Industry

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Future Youth Academy Agenda

In this facilitated discussion, we'll explore your thoughts on what the "big issues" should be for youth policy as we gear up for a new Administration. Where should we focus? What issues are the most important? What action do we think needs to be taken? We'll delve into these questions and more as we gather your feedback from the trenches.

Michele Martin, RCEP Coordinator, Delaware County Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council

Lisa Reeves, Vice President, Tierney

2:15-3:30 p.m.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): What's Next? (continued)

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Technical Assistance: Resources/Grants

In this time of scarcity of grant dollars, finding and leveraging funding from multiple sources has become a skill that can mean the difference between the success and failure of a program. Also important to a successful program is knowing where to tap the best sources of information and funding. This session offers valuable information about national and state resources that are available for local staff to make use of in administering and operating their programs.

Linda Avila, Federal Project Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, Region 2

Erika Crawford, Executive Policy Specialist, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Mike Butson, Outreach and Training, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Keith Ward, Workforce Development Analyst, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor & Industry

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Break

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3:45-5:00 p.m.

Special Youth Populations

(4 concurrent breakout sessions)

Majestic I

Youth with Disabilities

What are some ways in which special needs populations can be served through WIA programs? Learn how Montgomery County partners with other agencies to serve these participants.

Janet Dicenzo, Assistant Director of Youth Projects & Partnerships, Montgomery County Department of Economic & Workforce Development

Wendy Patterson, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Terry Snyder, Workforce Development Analyst, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor & Industry

3:45-5:00 p.m.

Special Youth Populations (continued)

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Grande III & IV

Adjudicated Youth

Join us as we demonstrate how institutionalized youth offenders, many of whom have multiple barriers to employment, are provided an opportunity to gain valuable work maturity skills. For the majority, it is their first work experience and their first paycheck. The youth are also provided with more insight to PA CareerLink® services that may be available to them upon their release. Participants are referred by the institution as one of the

rewards of their successful compliance with institution requirements as part of their education and employment goals. We'd like to hear what you are doing as well.



Joseph Sebelin, Executive Director, Poconos Counties Workforce Investment Board

Garry Wentz, Administrator, PA CareerLink® Carbon County

Donald McKee, Youth Development Counselor Supervisor, Youth Forestry Camp

Charles Rose, Workforce Development Analyst, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor & Industry

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18-24 Year Olds/Work Readiness

Do you really know what our youth recognize as valuable to their success or failure in our society? Information will be shared on how focus groups were developed and conducted for youth aging out of foster care and youth who have dropped out of school. The responses from our youth will share some insight into what we should be providing and how youth see themselves as mentors. This project was conducted by Self-Help Associates and Venango Training and Development Center, which covers the Northwest Workforce Investment Area. We plan to solicit your ideas as well to make this session successful.

Amos Goodwine Jr., Coordinator of Workforce Investment Programs, Erie School District

Doran Condon, Youth Council/RCEP (SPIN), South Central Workforce Investment Board

Majestic III

Technical Assistance: Building Networks for Social Change

In this hands-on workshop, we'll look at concrete strategies for building active, robust networks in your community. We'll explore how networks operate, the different types of networks, and the roles you can play to weave strong networks that create connections and get things done. You'll leave with tips, tools and strategies for building or enhancing your own local networks.

Michele Martin, RCEP Coordinator, Delaware County Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council

Jennifer Brevoort, Director, Regional Partnerships, Philadelphia Youth Network, Inc.

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Plenary Session

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Dr. Robert Garraty, Executive Director, PA Workforce Investment Board

Christine Enright, Director, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Pennsylvania Summer Youth Employment Program Video Presentation

Keynote Presentation

Edward DeJesus and Youth Roundtable

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