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Connecticut Youth Employment Program Applications Open

Youth and Businesses Are Welcome to Apply

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The Connecticut Youth Employment Program operated by The WorkPlace in southwestern Connecticut is now taking applications. The program links youth and young adults (ages 14-24) to summer employment for 20 hours weekly at minimum wage for up to seven weeks. Space is limited, – APPLY NOW!

Participants will be given the opportunity to earn wages during the summer, hone workforce skills, and receive valuable training and work experience. The program provides access to various occupational sectors to enhance a participant's strengths and abilities.

Youth & Young adults living in one of the 20 towns served by The WorkPlace are encouraged to apply. The 20-town region includes Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bridgeport, Darien, Derby, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

Applicants will be required to interview with WorkPlace staff and submit eligibility documentation. Only online applications will be accepted, and they must be received by April 20, at 4pm. The application can be found by visiting **www.workplace.org/careerhub**.

Additionally, active recruitment for employer worksites is underway. For participating businesses and community agencies, the program provides motivated youth for summer help without incurring extra costs. Further employer worksites provide meaningful employment, helping youth become valuable and self-reliant members of the community. Youth enrolled in the program will complete a work readiness preparation program before beginning at a worksite.

Collectively, our community benefits by developing our young workforce. For more information on the program or how to become a worksite, please contact gmontes@workplace.org or 203-416-8487.

About The WorkPlace

The WorkPlace conducts comprehensive planning and coordinates regional workforce development policy and programs to prepare people for careers while strengthening the workforce for employers. As national leader in the field, The WorkPlace regularly shares ideas and best practices with lawmakers, foundations, think tanks and other workforce development organizations around the country. For more information, visit www.workplace.org