

2009 Summer Jobs Program Feedback

1.

"Chili

This program has been a great help to us. Being a small non-profit organization struggling to continue to serve the low income frail elderly population of the Merrimack Valley, thank you to you and your staff for everything that you have done to make this program work for us.

We are really excited about being able to continue the program with one of the workers that we currently have and the potential to obtain a couple more workers for the remainder of the program.

As a separate but equally important note, both of the workers that we had have really come "out of their shell" from this experience. One is a foster child who – at his foster parent's description – never came out of his room and never interacted with people before this experience. He is a totally different kid from when he started. And the other young woman who is working here has never had the opportunity – either personally or in a professional setting – to feel valued or to have responsibility – and has just blossomed in this environment. I am trying to come up with funds from within our organization to send her for training to help her develop some personal and professional skills further beyond what we can do for her here.

Again, thanks for this great program."

Arthur Signorelli
Assisted Living Center – Salisbury

2.

"Lisa Coy did a great job with career placement as all of these individuals are doing an outstanding job. They are courteous, on-time, and professional. Thank you and your staff for allowing us to be a job site. These additions have made the summer a little bit less stressful."

Warm Regards,

Freddie

Alfred Colon, P.H.M.
Public Housing Manager
Lawrence Housing Authority

3.

"Hi Chili,

We at Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. are very excited to partner with ValleyWorks for the 2009 Youth Jobs grant. This is very exciting and will give youth of the neighborhood an alternative to joining gangs. It will give them job experience and an opportunity to improve their quality of life and help their families during this tough economic times. Thank you for including us in the great opportunity.

We would also like to thank you for helping us to hire 42 youth for the Summer Jobs for Youth Grant. They have been a great asset to our non-profit organization considering all the budget cuts to our program. Thank you."

Linda Soucy

4.

"Good Morning Ann (Shaw – Youth Business Service Rep), I just wanted to tell you that our employee, is just Fantastic. She comes each day with a great attitude and wonderful approach to everything we have asked her to do. She has been helping out assisting in classes, cleaning and organizing art utensils, and even weeding the garden. She always has a smile on her face and willing hand extended. We feel very fortunate.

Thank you."

Leslie

*Leslie Costello
Executive Director
Essex Art Center*

5. From DGA monitors' reports:

- "The youth working at this site is doing wonderfully. Currently the youth is helping prepare for a federal audit on all of their work. Both the supervisor and youth are excited that the program has been extended. The youth hopes that after the program ends she will be hired for a permanent position.
- The youth at this site are helping Emmaus, Inc. with different aspects of their community. The youth are helping pack lunches, serve and cook food, help out with any additional major projects. Emmaus, Inc. deals directly with the homeless population...The students are very happy with the job that they have and are glad they can help. One youth has been working at the site for three summers now. She was so happy with her job that she recruited her cousin, their supervisor is very happy with the work they are doing and is proud of how much they have learned. Both the youth and supervisor are happy that the program has been extended."