

MERRIMACK VALLEY

ARRA SUMMER WORK AND LEARNING PROJECTS

Project Information	Youth Participant Information	Program Summary
<p>Vendor: American Training, Inc. Lawrence, MA Project: STARWORKS</p> <p>Contract Amount: \$6,839.00</p> <p>Planned Youth Stipend and Wage Costs: \$14,560.00</p>	<p>Planned Enrollment: Ten (10) Youth</p> <p>Target Population: The specific target population for the program is ten (10) WIA eligible youth who are diagnosed with one or multiple disabilities. These youth will be deficient in basic literacy skills with math and/or reading skills between 4th and 8th grade level. They may be limited speakers of English, high school dropouts, or youth who have committed an offense. They may be living with a foster or extended family, pregnant, or have a young child. Our participants will also be from homes with low income and may be beneficiaries of Social Security.</p>	<p>The StarWorks Division of American Training, Inc. proposes to operate a Summer Work and Learning Project for ten (10) eligible young people ages 18-24 who are disabled. The program will provide students with occupation-specific skills used universally in a manufacturing environment as well as Basic Education Skills Enhancement, Work Experience, Leadership Skills, Life Skills, Employability Skills, Career Exploration, and a Group Project. All work and learning activities will take place in an actual manufacturing work setting that will be conducive to a productive, memorable, and fun work atmosphere for our students. Attainment of the work readiness competencies outlined in the Foundation Skills category of the MA Work Based Learning Plan is the final outcome for enrolled students. Students will also maintain a journal throughout the program, which will showcase and preserve their new skills and experiences as well as clearly document the connection between the academic/learning component and their work activities. For their group project, students will utilize their newly attained manufacturing, work readiness and employability skills at Neighbors in Need food pantry in Lawrence.</p>

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<p>Vendor: Community Action, Inc. Haverhill, MA Project: People of Destiny Contract Amount: \$52,865.00 Planned Youth Stipend and Wage Costs: \$61,600.00</p>	<p>Planned Enrollment: Forty (40) Youth Target Population: The target population is Youth, ages 14-24 years old. Youth must meet WIA requirements for work eligibility, must be low-income, and maybe either an in-school youth, have dropped out of school or have a HS Diploma/GED but demonstrate deficiency in basic literacy and/or language skills (assessing at or below an 8 GLE on a TABE test).</p>	<p>Community Action, Inc. (CAI) of Haverhill will operate the 2009 Summer Youth Learning and Work Experience Program, People of Destiny (POD) for 40 economically disadvantaged youth recruited from Haverhill area. The POD program offer youth an opportunity to explore a variety of high growth career paths within three broad categories: Health/Human Services; Technology; and Education, which are in demand in Merrimack Valley, and the Seacoast area, while learning basic job readiness skills (communication, teamwork, following directions, task completion and follow through). In addition, they will engage in classes in basic life skills, Nutrition and Financial Literacy, which they will be able to use in their daily lives. Basic computer skills, computer applications, video techniques, and CPR/First Aid training are offered as occupationally linked skills that can be used in a variety of careers Participants will be divided into teams of ten called PODs, each guided by a team supervisor called a POD Captain. CAI will collaborate with the UMASS Extension office, the U.S. Department of the Census, local Community TV stations, and other local organizations to provide participants with skills, access to career information and project assistance.</p>

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<p>Vendor: Community Action, Inc. Haverhill, MA Project Location: YWCA Market Street Newburyport, MA 01950</p> <p>Project: People of Destiny</p> <p>Contract Amount: \$15,501.00</p> <p>Planned Youth Stipend and Wage Costs: \$15,400.00</p>	<p>Planned Enrollment: ten (10) Youth</p> <p>Target Population: The target population is Youth, ages 14-24 years old. Youth must meet WIA requirements for work eligibility, must be low-income, and maybe either an in-school youth, have dropped out of school or have a HS Diploma/GED but demonstrate deficiency in basic literacy and/or language skills (assessing at or below an 8 GLE on a TABE test).</p>	<p>Community Action, Inc. (CAI) of Haverhill proposes to operate the 2009 Summer Youth Learning and Work Experience Program , People of Destiny (POD) for 10 economically disadvantaged youth recruited from Newburyport and the Seacoast area. The POD program offer youth an opportunity to explore a variety of high growth career paths within three broad categories: Health/Human Services; Technology; and Education, which are in demand in Merrimack Valley, and the Seacoast area, while learning basic job readiness skills (communication, teamwork, following directions, task completion and follow through). In addition, they will engage in classes in basic life skills, Nutrition and Financial Literacy, which they will be able to use in their daily lives. Basic computer skills, computer applications, video techniques, and CPR/First Aid training are offered as occupationally linked skills that can be used in a variety of careers. Participants will be divided into teams of ten, each guided by a team supervisor called a POD Captain. CAI will collaborate with the UMASS Extension office, the U.S. Department of the Census, local Community TV stations, TD Bank North, the YWCA of Newburyport, the Newburyport Housing Authority (Kelleher Park) and other local organizations.</p>

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<p>Vendor: Lawrence Boys & Girls Club Lawrence, MA Project: Counselors in Training Contract Amount: \$14,856.00 Planned Youth Stipend and Wage Costs: \$20,160.00</p>	<p>Planned Enrollment: Fourteen (14) Youth Target Population: Youth between the ages of 14 and 16 years who are at risk for academic failure and/or dropping out of school.</p>	<p>The Counselors in Training program is a comprehensive career development/employment readiness program for youth between the ages of 14 and 16 years who are interested in exploring a career in youth services or human services. The goal of the program is to develop a qualified, competent and committed youth development workforce. Successful candidates of the program may be eligible to become future summer youth counselors at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.</p> <p>In addition to the C-I-T training and activities, the youth will participate in JOB READY! a program developed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America that provides youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to enter and compete in today's work force.</p> <p>Through competency-based sessions, JOB READY! is designed to build the essential skills teens need to find, obtain, keep and excel in a job.</p> <p>JOB READY! is delivered in a small group format of up to 20 participants, and utilizes group dynamics to enliven the learning environment.</p> <p>Through engaging experiential activities, demonstrations, role plays and practice sessions, participants learn by doing and develop competencies that are observable and measurable.</p>

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<p>Vendor: Lawrence High School Lawrence, MA Project: Transitions Program Contract Amount: \$20,700.00</p> <p>Planned Youth Stipend and Wage Costs: None, this program will not provide weekly stipends or wages. An incentive award will be provided to enrolled youth who meet a set of guidelines on a weekly basis. This cost is incorporated in the contract amount above.</p>	<p>Planned Enrollment: Seventy (70) Youth</p> <p>Target Population: The target population is students' at-risk-of-dropping-out leaving Grade 8 and entering Grade 9. Students have been identified as "at-risk" through the use of a research-based indicator index that takes into account the students' grades in reading, mathematics, writing, history and science, their attendance in school, and their reading level.</p>	<p>The Transition Program is a five-week summer orientation to high school program for students at-risk of dropping out of high school. The Program provides entering Grade 9 students with academic tutoring, an experience-based understanding of how high school is connected to future work opportunities, and the fundamental workplace skills.</p> <p>This Program seeks to bring approximately 70 students to the Campus during the summer of 2009; while also hiring one additional adult to coordinate the creation of the workplace skills portfolios for the students.</p> <p>Through a focus upon foundation skills that build a work ethic (attendance, punctuality, workplace appearance, acceptance of direction, taking the initiative, motivation to see the present as the building block of future success), the Program seeks to get students "off on the right foot" as they begin high school.</p>