

Youth Opportunities Strategy
Summer Jobs for Youth Summer 2009
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Summer Jobs for Youth (SJFY) provides disadvantaged youth aged 15-18 with the equivalent of 6-7 weeks of full-time paid work experience through summer employment with local employers. In Kingston, KEYS Employment Services has been funded to recruit youth and employers and place and monitor/supervise youth in employment positions. Youth are paid at the adult general minimum wage.

Target Group

Youth 15-18 years old who require life/job training and support, commit to participating in the program and who are considered “disadvantaged” because they face identified barriers to employment. This includes youth who:

- Reside in an identified at-risk community;
- Have unemployed parents and/or have parents on social assistance;
- Have been, or are, in the care of a Children’s Aid Society (CAS);
- Have been, or are, at risk of being in conflict with the law; and
- Have been, or are, at risk of dropping out of school.

Program Delivery Elements

The Summer Jobs for Youth program offers the equivalent of 6-8 weeks of full-time summer employment opportunities (35 hrs/wk for full-time) for disadvantaged youth. This includes:

- 20 hours of pre-employment training
- 6-7 weeks of full or part-time employment
- Paid at the adult minimum wage (\$9.50/hour)
- Certified training (to be determined)
- Completion certificate and reference
- Post-placement support

Pre-employment training for youth will include:

- Career choices; On the job skills;
- Workplace health and safety;
- Life skills; and Team work skills
- Customer service and sales skills.

Post-employment supports will include:

- Helping youth to transition to and maintain in school, work or other education or training through developing and monitoring individual action plans; and
- Helping youth to access other programs or services as necessary.

For more information or to make a referral, contact the Summer Jobs for Youth
Program at KEYS (613) 546-5559