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SUMMER JOBS FOR NORTHAMPTON YOUTH!

With the help of the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board, Franklin Hampshire Career Center, and Community Action Youth Programs, the Mayor of Northampton will once again host Northampton YouthWorks, a summer jobs program for eligible Northampton young people, age 14-21.

Governor Baker dedicated over \$10 million in this year's budget to support such city-sponsored programs across the Commonwealth, which must be matched 20% by contributions from the private sector to support youth employment.

The Northampton YouthWorks Program will put 25 Northampton youth age 14 -21, to work in private or public sector employment during the summer months, in jobs 6 to 8 weeks in length. The program will pay for youth wages and for staff time to develop placements and counsel youth, including provision of 15 hours of training on Employment Readiness, Safety, and Career Exploration.

Eligible youth must be low-income and residents of Northampton, Florence, or Leeds. They will earn \$10 an hour.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to put Northampton youth to work again in the community this summer," says Mayor David Narkewicz. "Last year they worked at such places as Casa Latina, Cancer Connection, Fitzgerald Fence, Northampton Schools, and the YMCA. I heard that employers and youth were really happy with the program. We do need participating businesses, especially private sector, to donate the equivalent of a youth's first two week's wages as 'match' to the project, so we can continue to qualify for this program every year."

"Teen employment has been at its lowest levels since the Depression," notes Jim Parcels, Director of Franklin Hampshire Career Center Youth Programs. "Young people really need help getting a foothold in this tough economy. We usually have funds to put a few dozen youth to work over the summer, but this project allows us to help additional youth secure jobs in greater Northampton and has been a great addition to our services."

Community Action is actively seeking businesses and organizations who are interested in hosting a youth intern over the summer. Please contact Lee Fournier-Lewis if interested in applying! 413-774-7028 x238.

Youth applications are available at:
Community Action Youth Programs
17 New South St. Suite #100
Northampton, MA 01060
or online at www.communityaction.us/NohoYW

and at the
Franklin Hampshire Career Center
178 Industrial Drive
Northampton, MA 01060

Completed youth applications must be mailed to or dropped off at:

Community Action Youth Programs -YouthWorks
17 New South St. Suite #100
Northampton, MA 01060

Preference is given to completed applications received by May 27th, 2016.

Applications will not be accepted after June 8, 2016

**Please do not return completed applications to schools or the Career Center.*

For more information contact Community Action Youth Programs at 413-774-7028 x238.

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