

Oneida County 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program Report



Oneida County youth had the opportunity to learn what work is all about as well as learn the skills, attitudes and behaviors required for future success. Some discovered new areas, like learning about the library system, top left, while others simply learned patience and responsibility, like the youth shown top right, cleaning Buckley Pool in Utica. Morris Pearson, Director of Justice at Mohawk Valley Community College, left, spoke to the incoming youth at “Work Readiness Day,” the kick off to the program. “This is your opportunity to feel that pride in getting a paycheck,” Pearson said, “And to learn how to get along on the job, to get along with different kinds of people, and how to take the skills you have and the skills other people have and work together as a team.”



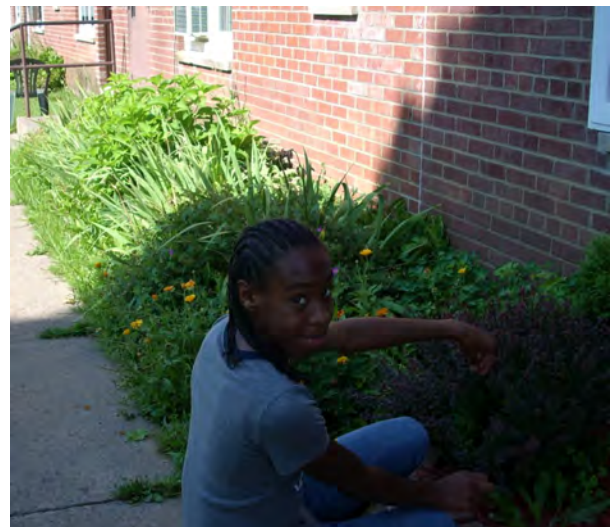
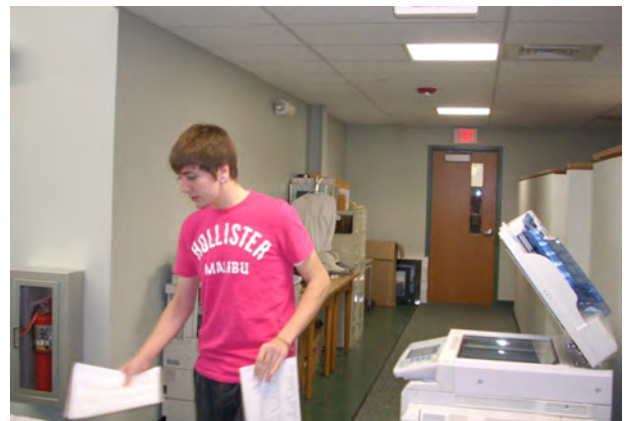
Zach Bellinger, Jeff Miller, Enjay Warmach and Maurice Mills, working at Raider Café at Proctor High School, above, said “The job taught us how to do inventory and stock shelves. We also learned how to be responsible.”



Jonathan Townsend, below, working at the One Stop in Rome. He said of his summer experience, “It has given me office experience, extra money and experience dealing with the public.”



Shayla Dantzler, a Young Scholar, working at the Thea Bowman House in Utica, above, said of her job experience, “Very interesting. I learned a lot. I enjoy working with kids.”



Oneida County LEAD OUTreach



The Oneida County Health Department put energy into a lead outreach project that brought youth into partnership with the county's lead poisoning prevention efforts. County Executive Anthony Picente, above, said, "Youth participants will be involved in distributing the literature door-to-door, and also in assisting the Health Department to survey neighborhood residents regarding their knowledge of lead hazards. The results of these surveys will assist the Health Department to better understand how residents are responding to the message we have been sending." Youth, right, put pamphlets and other informational materials into bags to take out to those living in the highest-risk areas of Utica.





Director of Workforce Development, David Mathis, said of the summer program, “Within the five week window in which we operate our programming, we implemented a job-sharing plan that doubled the number of youth who would work, helping the community partners who needed the youth while also increasing the numbers of young people in training.” Youth helped out in the community at places like The Central Association for the Blind, above left, and below left, the Hope House, above right, and Columbus Elementary School in Utica, below right, assisting the custodial staff to clean and prepare for the upcoming school year. The teens working at Columbus, Michael Rycraft, Brianna Edwards, and Abhiro Abshiro, said of their work experience, “This job has taught us how to work as a team.”



BOCES School & Business Alliance



Oneida-Madison-Herkimer BOCES, led by Superintendent Howard Mettelman, developed a resource-sharing project that saved the high-quality summer programs offered annually by the School and Business Alliance. The students working in the SABA program at Waterville High School, shown left and above, said of their summer experience in the program, “It taught us responsibility, to be to work on time, and getting paid came in handy as well.”

One youth, working at Rome Free Academy in the SABA Computer Program, shown right, said of their summer job, “We learned more about Microsoft than we ever have. It’s been a great experience.”

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Responsibility

Elijah Mitchell, working at the Utica Zoo, top left, said, “It’s been great. I learned about animals and their needs. It taught me responsibility.” William Monroe, working at the Boys & Girls Club in Utica, top right, said, “It’s fun. It’s something to do and it keeps me out of trouble.” Denvil Liggins and Ralik Gilmore, working in the Mohawk Valley Community Action City Rec Program, left, said, “The job program has allowed us to make some money and has taught us to become more responsible.”



End of Summer Closing Ceremony



SABA Healthcare student, above, speaks about her summer experience at Faxton-St. Lukes Healthcare

“No, nothing came easily this summer,” said David Mathis, Director of Oneida County Workforce Development, middle, far right. “Opening the door to opportunity for more than 600 young people took a lot of pushing, a lot of teamwork, and a lot of help from our partners. But we did it – we gave all these young people a chance to start their work careers; to build resumes; to learn new skills; to earn that first paycheck and to learn even more about local job opportunities. All the work, to me, is worth it, because I believe that when we invest in our youth and their potential, nothing becomes impossible and there is no door to opportunity we cannot open.”



County Executive, Anthony Picente, right, speaks to youth at closing ceremony about summer jobs coming to an end and encourages youth to look toward their futures.



2010 TANF SUMMER PROGRAM: DEMOGRAPHIC & FISCAL SUMMARIES

SUMMER ALLOCATION	301	Enrollments by Zip Code	
Male	160	Ava	13303 1
Female	141	Blossvale	13308 2
		Clayville	13322 1
Age 14	78	Clinton	13323 2
Age 15	89	Deansboro	13328 1
Age 16	82	Lee Center	13363 1
Age 17	30	New Hartford	13413 4
Age 18	22	Oriskany Falls	13425 4
Age 19	0	Rome	13440 41
Age 20 or Older	0	Sangerfield	13455 1
In-School Youth	283	Taberg	13471 10
Out-of-School Youth	18	Utica	(See Below) 223
White	121	Verona	13478 3
Black	112	Waterville	13480 3
Hispanic	46	Whitesboro	13492 3
American Indian	3	Yorkville 1	3495 1
Asian	18	<i>Utica</i>	<i>13501 148</i>
Pacific Islander	0	<i>Utica</i>	<i>13502 75</i>
Other	1		

Revenue:

TOTAL SUMMER ALLOCATION \$164,827

Expenses:

TOTAL Summer Wages **\$152,944**

Summer Projects:

Rome Historical	\$2,262
SABA Civil Engineering	\$1,806
SABA Construction Mgmt	\$1,806
SABA Computer Training	\$1,806
SABA Media Technology	\$1,806

TOTAL Summer Projects **\$9,486**

Other: Copier, Travel, Meetings, ID Cards **\$2,397**

TOTAL EXPENSES \$164,827