

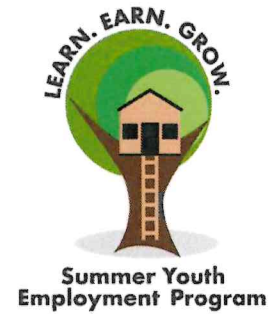
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD REPORT

2026 Summer Youth Employment Program

Program Outcomes, Audit Findings & Success Stories

Program Dates: July 6th – August 14th, 2026 | Center for Workforce Development

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NEW YORK STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



- Provides paid summer employment and career exploration opportunities for youth ages 14–20 from low-income households.



- Operates across New York State through local workforce development partners, community organizations, and employers.



- Builds job skills, confidence, and pathways to future employment.



- Primarily federal TANF funds, distributed by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to local districts.

Community Worksite Partners

11 premier Sullivan County organizations provided diverse work environments ranging from local government to non-profits and broadcast media:



 A Single Bite

 Catholic Charities

 Hurleyville Performing Arts

 Literacy Volunteers

 Monticello High School

 SC Federation for Homeless

 SUNY Sullivan LPP

 Town of Bethel

 Town of Thompson

 United Way Sullivan County

 Bold Gold Media Group (Broadcasting Contract)

OTDA Compliance Field Visit

On **August 11th**, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) conducted a comprehensive field monitoring visit.

 **Case File Review:** Audited 10 random participant files for required TANF eligibility documentation and working papers.

 **Worksite Inspection:** Conducted site visits at Literacy Volunteers and Bold Gold Media Group.

 **Youth Interviews:** Direct debriefs held with participants regarding work duties and satisfaction.



Leadership & Staffing



Crew Leadership: Hired 1 Supervising Crew Leader and 2 Crew Leaders for high-density worksites.



Supervising Leader: Anthony Williams returned for his second year, addressing youth challenges and supporting worksites daily.



County HR & Staff: Essential in managing paperwork, onboarding, and orientation seamlessly.



End of Summer Picnic

On Friday, August 14th, the program wrapped up with a celebration in the Elks Lodge Pavilion next door to our office.



Live DJ, games, and catering by Ramos Pizzeria.



Distributed summer achievement awards and \$900 in gift cards to youth.



Fantastic turnout of youth participants, worksite supervisors, and county leadership.

