

# Metro North Regional Employment Board Youth Employment Program

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## SUMMER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

• 521 youth residing in the Metro North region were employed between July 6<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> through the Metro North Youth Employment Program

### Ages

14-15: 118  
16-17: 233  
18-20: 141  
21-24: 29

### Education

In-School: 357  
Out-of-School: 164

### Youth Jobs

- Landscaping/ Maintenance 37%
- Camp Counseling 14%
- Office Assistance 11%
- Media/Arts 7%
- Environmental 6%
- Education 6%
- Peer Leadership 6%
- Child Care 5%
- Construction 3%
- Food Service 2%
- Health Care 1%
- Library 1%
- IT 1%

### Youth Wages Earned

\$559,887

### Communities Served

Arlington, Belmont, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Wilmington, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn

## *Lights, Camera, Action! We Are Rolling.....*



In a time of record-breaking unemployment rates for area youth, the Metro North Regional Employment Board (REB) is enjoying a successful year of putting youth to work. Through its Youth Employment Program (YEP), made possible by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the REB has employed 521 low-income youth in jobs throughout 20 cities and towns in the region since July 2009. With ongoing training and support provided by the Metro

North Career Centers, the program provides eligible youth with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, learn transferable skills, and be paid \$8.00 an hour. Eligible worksites benefit from the work of fully subsidized employees, as well as the opportunity to give youth a chance for meaningful employment. Building on the success of the summer program, the YEP will continue into the fall, serving youth from the six Metro North cities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, Somerville and Woburn.

***In the Summer of 2009, the Metro North REB employed 521 youth throughout all 20 cities and towns in the region. This fall, the REB aims to employ over 350 additional youth.***

## *What the participants are saying....*

### The Youth Experience

- “I loved it!”
- “It was the best job I ever had.”
- “There was plenty of work to be done.”
- “It was awesome!”
- “It was a great experience that I’ll miss.”

### The Employer Experience

“The Summer Youth Employment Program was an incredibly positive experience for us. The group came from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of experiences; under the direction of our artist and supervisor, the boys were able to create a lasting work of art in our yard.” —Maureen Devlin, STS Education Coordinator, Community Resources for Justice, Somerville

“The school really benefited from having summer youth. The [students] learned responsibilities, how to work together as a team, and how to handle their money.” —Beverly Elcewicz, Summer School Director, Wakefield Public Schools, Wakefield

“Wonderful program. Win-Win. I hope the program continues.” —Bob Berman, Nurse Practice Administrator, Malden Family Medicine, Malden

The fall program is underway! If you represent an organization in the Metro North Region, and you may be interested in hiring youth through the Youth Employment Program, please contact Josi Chapman, Youth Employment Program Director: Tel: 617-583-5581; Fax: 617-864-1508; Email: jchapman@mnreb.org



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