

# Metro North Regional Employment Board 2009 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%

### Total Work Sites

183

### Youth Wages Earned

\$626,492

### 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 2009, a year of record-breaking unemployment rates for area youth, the Metro North Regional Employment Board (REB) enjoyed success in 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 employed over 520 low-income youth over the course of the summer, in jobs throughout the 20 cities and towns in the Metro North region. An additional 200 youth, from the six cities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, Somerville and Woburn, were employed in the fall. With training and support provided by the Metro North Career Centers, the program provided eligible youth with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, learn transferable skills, and be paid \$8.00 an hour. Eligible work sites benefited from the work of fully subsidized employees, as well as the opportunity to give youth a chance for meaningful employment.

*In the Summer and Fall of 2009, the REB employed a combined total of over 700 youth from the Metro North Region.*

## *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

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