

After School Jobs for Youth (ASJFY) in York Region

General Committee

November 18, 2013



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Background

- In partnership with 360° (Pathways for Families and Youth), Markham Recreation was successful in securing a Ministry of Child and Youth Services grant in the amount of \$386,827.85 (2013-2014)
- This grant gives employers including Recreation Services the ability to hire youth ages 15 – 18 for up to 10 hours per week after school and on weekends. All compensation is funded by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services with no Budget impact to Recreation.
- Program target is to place 90 students from York Region in various part time jobs within the community.
- Job placements are expected to start mid October and last until mid June 2014.
- Ideal jobs include Part time maintenance, drop in staff, and program assistants.



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About the Program

- Assists youth in learning the skills needed to gain meaningful work
- Eight hour employment training workshop monthly
- Works 8-10 hours a week at a job placement until June 2014
- Youth earn \$10.25 an hour
- Youth must commit to all workshops, meetings with the Job Developer and to the work placement



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Program Eligibility

- Between 15-18 years of age
- Can legally work in Canada
- Registered in school full time
- Face challenges/barriers to employment
- Other partners involved in delivering this program include the York Region District School Board, Operation Springboard – York Region, and private companies across York Region



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Partner Roles and Responsibilities

City of Markham:

Responsible for the coordination, development and implementation of 3 full day trainings per month until May 2014.

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Responsible for intake of youth into the program, coordinate the placement agencies, and monitor youth progress through the program.

Community Employers:

Provide meaningful work placement opportunities.

York Region District School Board:

Provides space for training youth and responsible for the intake of youth into the program.



Operation Springboard:

Assists with the recommendation of youth into the program.

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Desired Outcomes

- Meaningful work while staying and thriving in school
- Provide youth with options to commit to their futures and have a stake in the betterment of their communities
- Youth to develop a desire to be contributing members of the neighbourhoods in which they live.
- Community benefits from their investment
- Rejuvenate a new generation of hard working and prideful residents
- Ultimate goal of the program is to inspire and empower young people in crisis to turn their lives around



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Status of implementation

- Currently working with the high schools in the area, conducting intake interviews with local youth to determine suitability and readiness for our program
- We have a great group of 47 motivated, engaged and excited youth who have just completed their first orientation class (at Bur Oak Secondary School)
- Press Conference to announce partnership and funding to be held:

Friday November 28, 2013

11:00am

Markham Civic Center



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Questions?



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