Summe Youth Employment Program

Department of Youth & Community Development



Empowering Individuals • Strengthening Families • Investing in Communities

About SYEP

Program Structure



Up to 6 weeks of paid work and educational experience

Goals

Introduce and prepare youth for the world of work

Explore career interests and acquire good work habits and skills



Provide supplemental income



New York State minimum wage of \$13.00 per hour



Open to all NYC residents 14-24 years old



Program Dates: July through August





Program History

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| 2003 | New York City Department of Youth and Community Development administers SYEP | 2013 • | Program enhanced with specialized services for Younger Youth, Older Youth, Vulnerable Youth, and Ladders for Leaders |
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| 2004-06 | Online participant application, enrollment and timekeeping launched | 2014 | Introduction of pilot initiatives like NYC Generation Tech that expose youth to different career fields |
| 2008 | Online worksite application launched | 2015 | Launch of Work, Learn and Grow Program with NYC Council support |
| 2009 • | Specialized services for Vulnerable Youth and Standardized Educational Component added | 2016 | Implemented EverFi's digital comprehensive Financial Empowerment Program |
| 2010 | Introduction of free checking accounts offered to participants 18+ | 2017 • | Implementation of SYEP pilots targeting Younger Youth, Vulnerable Youth and Youth in sector focused after school programs |
| 2011-12 | Upgraded web-based Youth Employment Program System (YEPS) and online worksite launched | 2018 • | Introduction of the School-Based SYEP pilot initiative |





5 Service Options

| | Descriptions | | | | |
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| Younger Youth | Four hour orientation to introduce workers to the program goals and expectations, work assignments, financial literacy, and information about workplace health and safety as well as labor laws for youth Fifteen hours of work experience per week that may include service learning and community service projects Weekly five hours of educational services that incorporate one hour of reflection 39 Programs | Wall Street Station 4 Downtown & Brookin Underpass Liptown & The Borx Underpass | | | |
| Older Youth | Eight hour orientation focusing on work readiness, financial literacy, career exploration, health education, and preparing for higher education Twenty-five hours a week of diverse and developmentally appropriate work experiences in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors 48 Programs | | | | |
| Vulnerable Youth | Specialized employment services for justice-involved, foster care, runaway/homeless, and youth receiving preventative services from the NYC Administration for Children Service Orientations and weekly meetings with youth designed to provide mentoring, counseling, and educational support 7 Programs | | | | |
| Ladders for Leaders | Professional employer-paid internship program for high school and college students Participants selected through a competitive application process Advanced pre-employment training to prepare youth for interviews with prospective employers 6 Programs | 100 | | | |
| School Based | Program is offered in partnership with selected NYC public high schools to implement school and summer program components Ten to fifteen hours of Work Readiness Training in the Spring, offered in the school building during after school hours Selected schools offer CareerCLUE, a blended summer enrichment model that incorporates classroom instruction, site visits and supervised service learning projects that deliver real value for participants' schools and communities 32 School Partners and 18 Providers | | | | |





Fast Facts and Figures







Funding Sources







Funding Sources





Min Wage:

\$8.75

• Min Wage:

\$8.00

• Min Wage:

\$7.25



Min Wage:

\$11.00

• Min Wage:

\$13.00

• Min Wage: \$9.00

Program Partners

| Bronx | Aspira of New York Bronx Works Catholic Charities Community Services Children's Arts & Science Workshops | Community Association for Progressive Dominicans Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Mosholu Montefiore Community Center | Phipps Community Development Simpson Street Development Association SoBro Overal Economic Development Corporation | The Children's Aid Society Wildcat Service Corporation Woodycrest Center for Human Development |
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| Brooklyn | Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association CAMBA Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services Inc Chinese-American Planning Council Community Counseling and Mediation | Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation Edith & Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst Henry Street Settlement | Italian-American Civil Rights League JCC of Greater Cony Island National Society for Hebrew Day Schools Police Athletic League Research Foundation CUNY Medgar Evers College | RiseBoro Community Partnerships SCO Family of Services Center for Family Life Sesame Flyers International St. Nicks Alliance |
| Manhattan | Catholic Charities Community Services Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services Chinatown Manpower Project | Chinese-American Planning Council El Barrio's Operation Fight Back Inc Fedcap Rehabilitation Services Henry Street Settlement | Inwood Community Services New York City Department of Education New York City Housing Authority PENCIL | Police Athletic League The Children's Aid Society YM-YWHA Washington Heights of Inwood |
| Queens & Staten Island | Central Queens Y & YWHA Chinese-American Planning Council Greater Ridgewood Youth Council HANAC | Henry Street Settlement Jacob A Riis Neighborhood Settlement Police Athletic League Queens Community House | La Guardia Community | South Queens Park Association United Activities Unlimited |



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Historical Enrollment

74,354 youth are enrolled in 2018





Enrollment Breakdown



By Borough







Enrollment Breakdown





Youth With Disabilities (YWD)







Total Worksites











Private Sector Worksites %

46% Private Sector Worksites hosted participants in 2018





Employer Highlights



inancial Services

- Amalgamated Bank
- Bank of America
- NASDAQ
- KPMG

Cultural Institutions

- American Museum of Natural History
- The Rubin Museum of Art
- National Lighthouse Museum
- The MET

Media and Entertainment

- Emmis Communications
- NY Women in Film and Television
- Vox Media
- A+E Networks

Health Care

- Greater New York Hospital Association
- Maimonides Hospital
- Mount Sinai Health System
- NYC Health + Hospitals

Legal Services

- The Legal Aid Society
- Goldfarb & Fleece, LLP
- Laura Devine Attorneys
- Volunteers of Legal Service

Government Agencies

- NYC Department of Design and Construction
- NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
- NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- NYC Department of Buildings





Work Readiness Training

Educational Component

All participants attended preemployment training that highlighted:

Program Goals & Expectations

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- Feamwork and Conflict Resolution
- Workplace Health, Safety and Labor Laws
 - Supplementary Work Readiness Topics

Topics Covered



Work Readiness and Workplace Etiquette

Continuing Education and Career Exploration



Financial Literacy and Budget Planning



Applying and Interviewing for a Job



Health & Wellness and Stress & Time Management



Values, Life Goals and Leadership Skills





Project-Based Learning

Popular Project Themes



Civic Participation & Social Change

Younger Youth

Several Younger Youth providers offered project-based worksites developed to cultivate an ethic of service and reinforce core competencies such as interpersonal, communication, and decision-making skills



Health and Well Being



Healthy Food & Nutrition



Environmental Justice

College Readiness



Vulnerable Youth



Barriers Include

• Receiving ACS Preventive Services

MindWeaver partnered with General Assembly to host a front and back end web development boot camp for 60 SYEP participants. The participants learned coding for web development and tested a device created by the company called Highpost, a traceable system for

VY Program Enrollment Over the Past Five Years





Ladders for Leaders

About Ladders

Launched in 2006, Ladders for Leaders is a nationally recognized program that offers outstanding high school and college students the opportunity to participate in paid professional summer internships with leading corporations, non-profit organizations and government agencies in New York City.



*Received an offer to continue employment after the program





PROJECT

School-Based SYEP

About School-Based SYEP

The School-Based SYEP program was created to provide enhanced opportunities for youth to explore career options and develop work readiness skills. Though this model features some universal elements, it is uniquely shaped and customized by each school/SYEP provider partnership.

Job placements are sector-specific and aligned with students' needs.









Participant Pay

Fee-Free ATM Transactions

Allpoint® network allowed participants fee-free ATM transactions at thousands of locations, including CVS, Target and Walgreen.

Participants Provided Access to

- Visa branded card with fee-free store transactions
- Pay card usage instruction materials
- Online card activity information
 and end-of-program earnings statement
- Direct deposit available to all youth with bank accounts
 - Split Direct Deposit and Savings Account Options
- 🥝 Account updates via text message





Financial Empowerment







