

MICHIGAN WORKS!
Kalamazoo & St. Joseph Counties

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A Community Working Together

Summer Work Experience Program 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided funding to offer 1,005 economically disadvantaged young people between the ages of 14-24 meaningful employment experiences and training to improve work readiness skills.

Eligible youth were offered a wide variety of jobs at non-profit organizations throughout Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties.

A successful program relies on the local community. Youth Opportunities Unlimited is no exception.

Serving and meeting the needs of our customers requires a great deal of cooperation, flexibility, and dedication from numerous organizations and individuals.

Without these collaborative efforts, the success of the program would not have been possible.

We would like to thank

everyone who continues to support our programs.

This list includes the schools and community agencies who identify and refer applicants, the non-profit organizations who help train workers, the Kalamazoo Community and Irving S. Gilmore Foundations for sponsoring job site supervisor positions to enhance the program capacity, our Michigan Works! partners, local government agencies, the administrative team at the Upjohn Institute, the administrative team at Kalamazoo RESA, the Kalamazoo RESA Board of Education, government representatives, and the Workforce Development Board.

Without all of you, this program would not have been successful.

The wide variety of partners working collectively in this process was exciting. The community partnership was



the key to the success of the program.

There are many positives that occurred because of the summer program. Some youth were hired by the job site, youth were able to contribute to their family income, buy school clothes, pay restitution and fees, find a place to live and buy food.

In addition to employing

1,005 youth, the program also provided the funds to employ 60 adults to work in the program for the summer, not to mention renting unused space and renting office equipment – all of which contributed to the local economy.

Overall, more than \$2 million was reinvested in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties.



Participant Demographics

Total Enrolled:	1,005	Education	
Applicants:	2,977	12th Grade and Below:	708
Male:	526	Diploma or Equivalent:	192
Female:	479	Above Diploma:	101
Ages		Student, HS or Less/Alt. School:	643
14-15:	243	Student Attending Post-Sec.:	97
16-17:	318	Out of School, HS Drop:	64
18:	136	Barriers	
19-21:	220	Single Parent:	77
22-24:	88	Limited English:	19
Race/Ethnic Group		Homeless:	5
White:	407	Runaway Youth:	0
African American:	638	Offender:	202
Amer. Ind./Alaskan:	61	Foster Child:	15
Asian:	8	Pregnant/Parent Youth:	76
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.:	5	Special Asst. Youth:	607
		MWA Barrier:	156
		Behind a Grade Level:	118

The following organizations provided work experience opportunities and supervision for 1,005 youth and young adults ages 14-24 under the Recovery Act Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Michigan Works and Youth Opportunities Unlimited would like to express their sincere gratitude for their valuable contributions and dedication to help prepare today’s youth for tomorrow’s workforce.

Kalamazoo County

Black Arts and Cultural Center
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kalamazoo
Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center
City of Kalamazoo (4 work crews, 5 depts.)
Clean Water for the World
Climax-Scotts Community Schools
Comstock Community Center
Comstock Public Schools
Comstock Township Library
Counselors in Training (City of Kalamazoo)
Douglass Community Association
Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated
Eastside Neighborhood Association
Edison Neighborhood Association
Eliminating Racism & Claiming/
Celebrating Equality – Douglass Center
Fairmont Neighborhood Association
Fire Historical & Cultural Arts Collaborative
Freedom Schools/Kalamazoo
Communities in Schools
Fresh Fire AME Church
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
Galesburg Downtown Development
Galesburg Memorial Library
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Gladshire Townhomes
Goodwill Industries (3 sites)
Gull Lake Community Schools
Habitat for Humanity Restore
Hispanic American Council
Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
Interfaith Homes of Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo Air Zoo
Kalamazoo Civic Theater
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo County (4 departments)
Kalamazoo County Poverty Reduction Initiative
Kalamazoo Deacon’s Conference
Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare Center
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission
Kalamazoo Junior Girls
Kalamazoo Nature Center
Kalamazoo Public Library
Kalamazoo Public Schools
Kalamazoo RESA (3 departments)
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Michigan Commission for the Blind
Michigan Human Resources Incorporated
Michigan Works!-Employment Services
Michigan Works!-W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
Minority Business Alliance
Michigan State University (3 sites)
Mill Park Townhomes
Mt. Hope Cemetery
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
New Direction Outreach
New Genesis Incorporated
New Horizon Learning Center
Northside Assoc. for Community Development
Northside Economic Potential Group
Oakwood Neighborhood Association
Open Door Ministries
Parchment School District
Portage Community Outreach Center

Portage Public Schools
Professional Development Training Center
Richland Community Library
Rickman House
Senior Services
Smart Shop Metal Arts Center
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Southwest Michigan
Stuart Neighborhood Association
Taste of Heaven
Texas Charter Township
Vicksburg Community Schools
Village of Augusta
Village of Vicksburg/South County Gardening Association
Vine Street Neighborhood Association
Western Michigan University (10 depts.)
Worldwide Family Media Productions
YMCA (3 sites)
YWCA

St. Joseph County

Ambassadors for Christ Church
Amigo Center
Bethel Baptist Church
Burr Oak Schools
Burr Oak Township (2 departments)
Center Park Methodist Church
Centreville Public Schools
City of Sturgis (1 department)
City of Three Rivers (2 departments)
Colon Township (2 departments)
Constantine Alternative Education
Constantine Public Schools

Domestic & Sexual Abuse Services
Doyle Community Center
Gilcrest Retreat Center
Glen Oaks Community College
Goodwill Industries (2 sites)
Immaculate Conception Church
Keystone Place
Manowe Ministries
Mendon Community Schools
Mendon Township Library
Michigan Works! (3 departments)
St. Joseph County (12 departments)
St. Joseph County ISD (2 departments)
Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce
Sturgis Community Healing Center
Sturgis District Library
Sturgis Hospital
Sturgis Medical Group
Sturgis Public Schools
Sturgis Salvation Army Thrift Store
Target Area Development
Three Rivers Area Mentoring
Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce
Three Rivers Community Schools
Three Rivers First United Methodist Church
Thurston Woods Village
Village of Burr Oak
Village of Colon
Village of Constantine
Village of Mendon
Village of White Pigeon
White Pigeon Township Library
White Pigeon Community Schools



Professional Employment Services

- FOR JOB SEEKERS:**
- Online Michigan Talent Bank
 - Computer access
 - Self-assessment training
 - Career counseling
 - Resume writing assistance
 - Financial aid and training info
 - Job placement
 - On-the-job experience
 - Veteran services
 - Rehabilitation services
- FOR EMPLOYERS:**
- Recruitment assistance
 - Job postings
 - Interview facilities
 - Customized training
 - Training incentives
 - Wage subsidies
 - Tax credits
 - Computer access
 - Workplace accomodation assistance
 - Online Michigan Talent Bank

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