

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with summer employment and educational experiences that capitalize on their individual strengths, develop their skills and competencies, and connect them to positive adult role models. SYEP provides seven weeks of entry-level work experience in a variety of jobs at community-based organizations, government agencies and private sector businesses. Participants in the WIA In-School Youth (ISY) program are guaranteed an SYEP job.

**2009 Program Facts:**

- Budget: **\$66.5 million** (CTL - **\$13.8m**, State/FFFS - **\$19.5m**, WIA - **\$3.0m**, CSBG - **\$3.0m**, CSBG Stimulus- **\$8.7m**, WIA Stimulus - **\$18.5m**)
- Targeted Enrollment: **51,369**
- **69 community-based providers** including five providers that will serve vulnerable youth populations (court-involved, runaway/homeless and foster care) - Bronx - 14, Brooklyn - 22, Manhattan - 16, Queens - 11, Staten Island - 1, Vulnerable Youth - 5
- Program dates: **July 1-August 15**
- Participants paid for up to **25 hours per week**
- Minimum wage will increase to **\$7.25** per hour in July 2009
- Participants paid with a Visa-logo debit card that can be used at bank ATMs or retail vendors
- Educational Component – at least **10 percent of paid hours** devoted to education on the following topics. DYCD provides standardized curriculum and facilitator training.
  - Work Readiness
  - Financial Literacy
  - Career Exploration
  - College and post-secondary education opportunities
  - Health Education: HIV/AIDS awareness, domestic violence issues, nutrition, substance abuse
- Summer of Service – Part of Mayor Bloomberg’s *NYC Service* initiative, this pilot program will connect 1,000 SYEP participants with exciting service projects on July 24 and August 7.

**2008 Program Facts:**

- Budget: **\$54.0 million** (CTL - **\$30.9m**, State/FFFS - **\$19.7m**, WIA - **\$3.4m**)
- Final Enrollment: **43,113**
- **103,189 applications** received
- **6,550 active worksites**, with **24 percent** in the private sector
- **2,537** youth with disabilities enrolled
- Total participant payroll: **\$40.9 million gross wages**