



# Summer Youth Employment Program Bulletin

**In February 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which helped fund numerous programs countrywide. One of the programs is the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) to help families on CalWORKS and Food Stamps with subsidized employment opportunities.**

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Community and Senior Services (CSS) and all seven Workforce Investment Boards in L.A. County (Foothill Employment and Training Connection, L.A. City, L.A. County, Pacific Gateway, Southeast L.A. County (SELACO), South Bay, and Verdugo) will place dependent teens in CalWORKS or Food Stamps households into subsidized employment utilizing the existing Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) infrastructure. CSS will be the lead agency for Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Area, and will oversee the administration of SYEP countywide via its web application, in conjunction with South Bay WIB.

The SYEP started on June 1, 2010 and is funded with ARRA funds which are passed through to DPSS via California Department of Social Services. The SYEP will provide work-based learning and includes a variety of services designed to further build the competencies that must be developed during adolescence to make successful transition to adulthood and employment.

## **The Target Group for ECF SYEP is:**

- \* *Youth ages 14-19 in CalWORKS and Food Stamps households*
- \* *Foster youth ages 14-19*
- \* *Former Foster youth ages 18-24*
- \* *Youth receiving General Relief ages 18-24*

### **The SYEP will help the youth in:**

- \* Learning the value of work
- \* Working with professionals from different types of occupations and careers
- \* Making new friends and professional acquaintances
- \* Learning valuable life skills
- \* Earning a paycheck and feeling proud about the work accomplished
- \* Working on interesting projects and assignments



**To learn more about ECF SYEP, please contact a youth center near you. A complete directory is available on our website at: <http://css.lacounty.gov/summer-youth.aspx>**

Los Angeles County Summer Youth Employment Program is operated by Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Community and Senior Services and all seven Workforce Investment Boards in Los Angeles County with funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

