



Youth Committee Meeting
February 10, 2022 @ 4:00 PM (CT)
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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Travis Ephriam, Chair |
| II. YOUTH OUTREACH EFFORTS / CAREER FAIR | Cheri Gilmore |
| III. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM | Debby Wood |
| IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF YOUTH SERVICES | Richard Williams |
| V. ADJOURNMENT | Travis Ephriam |

Executive Committee Members

Travis Ephriam, Chair

Arthur Obar

Wendy Blair

Larry Moore

Mary McKenzie

YOUTH OUTREACH EFFORTS

For Information Only

Background:

CareerSource Chipola (CSC) staff team members are diligently working to increase awareness about youth services in the five-county service delivery area. As you are aware, CSC's funding is primarily to serve out-of-school youth which means, CSC has a narrow window to capture the youth between graduation and entering employment or post-secondary education.

Outreach flyers have been sent to high schools in each county with the focus on graduating seniors who are unsure of their plans following the completion of school. Staff members are working to schedule visits to all high schools during the months of February and March. Staff members will provide information about job opportunities in the area as well as how CSC can provide funding for continuing education (books, tuition, uniforms, fees, transportation assistance, etc.) and offer paid work experience.

The outreach efforts also highlight the upcoming Career Fair scheduled for April 19, 2022 at Evangel from 8:00 – 1:00 PM for youth and a Hiring Event for the general public from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Employers from Transportation, Distribution & Logistics will be represented and will provide opportunities for youth to be engaged in "hands-on" experiences and help bring awareness to the types of jobs available in the industry sector.

Partner organizations (Chipola Ministries, Innovative Charities, and Backpack for Kids) have agreed to include youth outreach flyers in each box/bag given to individuals. Washington-Holmes Transportation Disadvantaged has forwarded the youth flyers to all its partners and Tri-County Community Council has acknowledged they will ensure their customers are aware of the services provided to age-appropriate youth.

Through a pilot project, CSC has also been providing work readiness classes during the last few months to the Diversified Career Technology (DCT) students at Sneads and Marianna high schools. This effort is to help the students transition to the world of work and understand the expectations of employers.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Background:

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program allows for funds to be spent on activities that further one of the following four TANF purposes:

- **Assist needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes;
- **Reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
- **Preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
- **Encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

CareerSource Chipola (CSC) proposes to offer a summer youth program that focuses on Purpose #3 (teen pregnancy prevention) and will serve youth from middle school through 18 years of age, if still enrolled/attending school. Purpose #3 does not require a full income eligibility determination and does not require the activity to be solely geared toward teen pregnancy prevention.

TANF funds may be used for:

- **Summer jobs
- **Education and Training
- **Supportive Services
- **Transportation for employed purposes for the purpose of attending work or training
- **Counseling and employment related services; and
- **Incentive payments that reward the participant for achieving a pre-determined milestone.

CSC is required to follow the Department of Economic Opportunity procurement requirements for the summer youth program.

Staff Recommendation: Due to the timeframe required for procurement and implementation the staff recommendation is to allow CSC staff to move forward with preparations for a summer youth program funded by TANF.

This is an Action Item.
