



ONE STOP - YOUTH TRANSITIONAL (WORK –TO – SCHOOL) PROGRAM

Presented by Bergen Community College

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

To provide Transitional Youth a sampling of the community college experience, including college-level courses, exploratory opportunities in high demand jobs and college campus lifestyle.

PROGRAM GOALS:

To engage Transitional Youth in college education, continuing education and employment opportunities with the intended outcome of creating pathways to education or employment for 50-75% of participants.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Youth, 18-24 years old, who have successfully completed the YOUTH WORKS! Program during summer 2009. Depending on the total number of participants, group may be divided into two to ensure optimal Instructor – to - Student ratios.

TIMELINE:

January –March 2010

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Approximately 50 individuals will participate in a program designed to expose out-of-school/out-of-work youth to college life. The main focus of the programming is to facilitate an introduction of college curriculum and offerings, as well as exposure to high demand occupations through site visits and “Meet the Experts” gatherings.

College curriculum and programming will include, but is not limited to:

- Introduction to the college experience– TABE and Accuplacer Testing
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Green industries
- Allied Health
- Career exploration & Workforce readiness (soft skills, resume writing) *

Each topic will be addressed during a 3-hour session, occurring 2 times per week, for 2 consecutive weeks (Total: 12 hours each)

* The final topic will be for one week only. A culmination ceremony with presentation of

“Certificate of Completion” presented by BCC, will be scheduled for the last day of class.

As an additional opportunity, participants will be invited to “Meet the Expert” sessions, which will feature industry leaders in the above “high demand” industries. These sessions will take place either on BCC Campuses or at the experts’ sites. (Hotels, restaurants, hospitals, etc.)

POST PROGRAM INTENTIONS

In order to create personalized pathways for each participant, BCC will provide each individual with information and counseling specific to education, career/job counseling and employment-seeking assistance.