



JSCC Gets \$85,840 Grant Summer Youth Employment Program

Possible summer employment for at-risk students, teen parents, students with disabilities, and high school dropouts!

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James Sprunt Community College was recently awarded an \$85,840 "Summer Youth Employment Program" grant from the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board. The grant will allow out-of-school youth to participate in meaningful employment in predetermined fields over the summer.

The "Summer Youth Employment Program" will begin in July and last for approximately 6 weeks. Up to 35 participants ages 16 – 24 will be accepted into the program. They will be given \$7.25 an hour for a 30-hour work week at no cost to the participating employer.

The "Summer Youth Employment Program" requires participants to spend at least one day per week in the classroom enhancing their career readiness skills. They will remediate in subjects such as literacy, math and budgeting skills. The remaining hours of the week will be spent working with a local employer. Participants ages 16 – 18 will focus their summer employment on learning about "green careers" while participants ages 19 – 24 will be exposed to careers in healthcare. Students who complete this program will also be trained to receive a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) which is a national, portable, employment credential.

The program is being promoted in several agencies within the county as well as in Duplin County JobLink Career Center located at the Employment Security Commission in Kenansville. Interested applicants must meet one of the following barriers to include: deficient in basic skills, pregnant or parenting, be a foster child, homeless or runaway, be a school dropout, have a disability.

Individuals selected to participate will be required to complete assessment tests to measure their reading and math levels. Employers may also apply online to be a worksite.

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board serves Wayne, Onslow, Duplin, Carteret, Craven, Pitt, Lenoir, Greene, Jones, and Pamlico counties. Funding is provided by the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Recovery Act") for activities authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.