



**Youth Activities Report
WIB Meeting
February 16, 2011**

Youth Programming

I. General Activity

LAYC/Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers' workforce program continued to work with in-school and out-of-school youth, focused on recruitment and planning for job readiness training, job placement, GED preparation classes and College 101 preparation classes.

During this reporting period, MMYC began a new cohort of students for GED and has begun working with them in Job Readiness Training.

MMYC is also making significant progress in planning the annual youth job fair. Over twenty employers have been confirmed and over 100 have been outreached.

GED - LAYC/Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers' (LAYC/MMYC) Workforce Program started the Spring GED cohort. In an effort to capture an increase of scores, both the GED & CASAS testing were administered. The Silver Spring site is currently serving 18 students in the morning GED class and 6 students in the afternoon Pre-GED class. Students began class on January 18th. As of the end of the month we have rolling admission policy. This is in an effort to allow students to join the program on an ongoing basis. Students have worked on math skills and science skills so far this month. Attendance has been very good and students have broken into groups and have participated in team activities that have allowed students to bond.

Up-county/ National Retail Federation –

January 2011 NRF Workshops:

Three NRF workshops were held and topics included: Getting to Know the Customer: Keep the Lines of Communication Open, Fitting Products to the Customer and Offering Alternatives, Making Shopping an Enjoyable Experience, Assisting Customers with Disabilities.

Nine students have maintained strong attendance to the workshops.

January marked the transition from 1st to 2nd Semester at Seneca Valley High School. Beginning on January 31st, workshops will be held weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays. The NRF Certification Exam is slated to take place mid-April 2011.

Job Readiness Training–

January JRT took place on January 25th, January 26th, and January 27th.

Staff spent four hours working 1:1 with students on identifying career interests, navigating the job market, and completing job applications. Staff will continue to work on job applications and interviewing skills before students receive JRT certificate.

2011 Youth Job Fair

We are currently working on the 5th Annual Let's Get Started Job Fair.

This year's even will be held on March 26, 2011 10:00am- 2pm at the Silver Spring Civic Building-One Veterans Plaza-Downtown Silver Spring.

If you know of a business who is interested in taking advantage of this **FREE** opportunity to recruit prospective employees, please have them complete the business registration form, which is included in this packet.

We are also recruiting Volunteers for this event. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please complete the form included in this packet.

We have recruited over 30 employers. There are several companies that will be attending for the first Target, McDonalds, and TGI Friday.

**Chair: Youth Council
Steve Kornblatt**

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