



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Program Leader Job Description

Our Program: Youth Employment Service (YES), one of the Youth Bureau programs, provides a variety of programs for teens in Tompkins County, including one-on-one job search assistance, work-readiness skill-building, subsidized work experiences, trainings for youth and adults, and activities to build youth civic engagement and peer leadership. Our mission is to empower teens to grow into flourishing adults.

Case Management and Programming

- Interview teens to assess individual strengths and needs as well as determine appropriate program participation.
- Complete and track intake process for participants on your caseload.
- Job coaching, support, referral of program participants to potential job opportunities.
- Help participants develop target goals and action plans.
- Follow up with program participants regarding job search efforts.
- Keep the Now Hiring list up to date via regular contact with local businesses.
- Disseminate the list to teens who are looking for private employment.
- Plan and conduct training sessions, workshops, and activities for groups of participants.

Subsidized Employment

- Identify and complete intake of potential teen workers (including interview, references, and documentation collection.
- Identify worksites, orient them to program guidelines and expectations, and set up placements with the supervisor and the teens.
- Assist teens and families with completing the necessary paperwork.
- Conduct regular visits with teens and supervisors at the worksite.
- Maintain case notes, rubrics, evaluations, progress reports throughout the placement.
- Work with payroll staff and supervisors to ensure teens are paid correctly and in a timely fashion.
- Provide teens and worksites with clear communication throughout the work experience and at the closing of the experience.
- Maintain and nurture relationships with worksite partners, and work with the YES Team to develop new opportunities and partnerships.

Outreach

• Conduct regular recruitment and outreach to potential YES participants at schools and community agencies.

- Support ongoing recruitment, advertising and public relations efforts.
- Connect to local businesses as needed.

Data and File Management

- Maintain relevant computer and paper records for all program participants on caseload. This includes case notes, evaluations, progress reports, job placements, and workshop documentation.
- Update individual records in a timely fashion.
- Maintain systems in an orderly fashion and assist with filing, archiving, restocking documents as needed.
- Communicate proactively with the team using

YES - General

- Field walk-in and phone call requests and questions. Work with colleagues and supervisor to resolve any issues that arise.
- Maintain a neat, orderly office environment that is welcoming to all visitors.
- Attend and participate in YES Staff, IYB, and other meetings as required.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues and community members to support teens and the YES program toward success.