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Employment Development Department Connects Youth with Summer Job Opportunities



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SACRAMENTO – With summer fast approaching, now is the time for youth looking toward summer jobs to check out the employment experience and training opportunities available through the state’s workforce development system. The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is launching a website feature called “[Everyone Starts Somewhere](#)” that provides a number of resources to connect young people with employment assistance and their long-term career goals.

EDD and employment service providers in America’s Job Centers of CaliforniaSM assist youth ages 14 to 25 and help them to find vocational training, develop occupational skills, complete secondary school, prepare for employment and learn about other programs all designed to build their skills and experience for future jobs and careers.

“Summer is when many young Californians look for their first job – an important step in preparing for jobs and careers ahead,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “For young people who don’t know how to begin the job hunt or have limited education and experience, EDD and our local workforce development partners can help them prepare for success with no-cost employment services.”

The “Everyone Starts Somewhere” page on the EDD website features:

- Success stories from throughout the state where workforce service providers have teamed-up to supply young people with job training and experience.
- Video of job search tips and assistance provided by a youth employment advisor at a local America’s Job Center of California.
- A “5 Tips to Get Hired” graphic with the top recommendations for developing skills, making job connections and finding the best training and development opportunities.
- The most recent labor statistics, including 2.3 million of the state’s 19.5 million workers are between the ages of 16 and 24, and what industries are providing the most opportunities for youth in California.

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- Links to find the closest America's Job Center of California, the state's online labor exchange system, CalJOBS, and training and education programs designed to help youth with everything from developing a résumé to exploring career options that are in-demand in California's economy.
- Mentors and career coaches, referrals and employment assistance available to at-risk youth between the ages of 15 and 25 through the Youth Employment Opportunity Program.

Media Video Package:

- Video, soundbites and b-roll of youth employment services through the state's workforce development system.
- Success stories with pictures of youth who received help in connecting with training and employment opportunities.

Contact the EDD's Media Services Office for broadcast quality video and soundbites at MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov.

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