

Dutchess County  
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**HEADLINE: TANF Summer 2005 Youth Employment and Training Program**

**Poughkeepsie, New York, June 13, 2005** – The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) has received a summer grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the amount of \$193,850, the largest TANF summer award the DCWIB has received in several years. TANF programs are for eligible youth ages 14-20 with the goal to employ the youth in positions that will give them the opportunity to be challenged and productive, enhance their self-esteem, increase workforce readiness skills, explore career options and improve their understanding of work day world expectations. “This award will benefit the youth in our communities by enabling them to participate in rewarding summer experiences,” said County Executive William R. Steinhaus. I also have full confidence in our Dutchess County WIB Youth Council that the money will be distributed equitably and effectively for the residents in Dutchess County,” he added.

The DCWIB awarded a total amount of \$166,850 to six different programs which is a 72% increase over last year’s awards. The six programs run by ARC, DC (\$8,000), ERVK (\$60,000), Cornell Cooperative Extension – Green Team (\$16,602), Mill Street Loft (\$42,373), Children’s Media Project (\$11,750), and Nubian Directions (\$28,125) will serve up to 50 more young people than in last year, or approximately 117 youth.

At the completion of the program all participating youth will have a personal portfolio that includes career exploration related to the type of summer employment they are engaged in, an interview with their employer at the start and end of the work experience and a presentation to the Youth Council during the program that focuses on the skills they have learned as a result of their specific work experience.

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