

*Happy Summer!*

*Summer is a very exciting time for many of our nation's youth. Young people across the country take advantage of work experiences that are designed to expose them to the world of work. These experiences provide meaningful learning opportunities for youth to explore career options and to gain skills they will need for future professional careers and personal growth.*

*Most of us remember our first job, and, for many of us, it was a summer job. Summer employment opportunities have helped many youth and young adults gain experiences that impact their professional choices. Local workforce system programs are working with community partners to increase the number of job opportunities for young people over the summer and to explore the impact that summer jobs have on youth, effective practices for operating summer youth employment programs. Related resources, this month, we are pleased to re-introduce you to the Youth Summer Jobs community and many resources.*

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### *Community Spotlight: Youth Summer Jobs*

*The [Youth Summer Jobs community](#) provides an online learning platform for community partners, businesses, non-profit organizations, and faith-based institutions to learn and share effective practices for operating summer job programs that help youth develop the skills they need for employment. Visit the Youth Summer Jobs community to learn more.*

*In addition, the [Our Journey Together: Summer Employment Webcast Mini-Series](#) provides effective practices for operating summer employment programs. These webcasts are snapshots of best practices to consider as you plan your local summer and year-round employment activities. Topics include youth engagement, partner engagement, and recruitment and retention of out-of-school youth.*

*We hope you will find these resources useful as you launch your summer youth programs.*

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*That's all for June; happy reading.*

*Stay cool!*

## Featured Content

- [The Role of Community Colleges in Registered Apprenticeship](#): Community colleges often play a critical role in Registered Apprenticeship programs. They can develop the curriculum and provide the classroom instruction portion of an apprenticeship. They can provide college credits leading toward, or even completion of, an associate degree.
  - [The Benefits of Universal Design](#): Universal Design is a strategy for making products, environments, operational systems, and services welcoming and usable to the most diverse range of people possible. Its key principles are simplicity, flexibility, and efficiency. When American Job Centers apply Universal Design principles, we are working together towards a world-class service environment to help all Americans get training and find jobs.
  - [Business Engagement Self-Assessment Tool](#): This self-assessment is designed to help states and regions better understand how integrated and effective their business services are currently, and where enhancements can be made.
  - [NYC Ladders for Leaders](#): Launched in 2006, Ladders for Leaders is a nationally recognized program that offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in paid professional summer internships with leading corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies in New York City. The program is an initiative of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and supported by the NYC Center for Youth Employment and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.
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- [Urban Alliance High School Internship Program](#): The Urban Alliance High School Internship Program is a 10-month paid, professional internship program currently active in Washington, DC; Baltimore; Chicago; and Northern Virginia.

## Upcoming Events

- June 20, 2018: [An Overview of 2018 Amended WIOA Performance Accountability Reporting Requirements](#)
- July 11, 2018: [Guidance Overview - Eligible Training Provider \(ETP\)](#)
- September 17, 2018: [NASWA Workforce Summit & Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) Directors' Conference: 82nd Annual Meeting](#)

## Recent Events

- [The Future of American Job Centers \(AJCs\)](#): June 14, 2018
- [Pay.gov Implementation](#): June 12, 2018
- [Integrated Business Services: A Road to Success](#): June 12, 2018
- [Our Journey Together: Out-of-School Youth Cohort Challenge Review](#): June 07, 2018
- [WIOA Partner Briefing: Reentry Employment Opportunities and Adult Education and Family Literacy](#): June 07, 2018

**Thank You!**

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