

Great Things Are Happening at Community Action

TO: All Employees
FROM: Gary Roberts, Executive Director
DATE: January 7, 2016
RE: Community Action Success Stories

Our agency affects the lives of thousands of people. This year we will be sure to share our accomplishments with Board and staff. Please notify me if you are aware of activities that should be included.

2015 Summer Youth Employment Program A Big Success!!!

A total of sixty-two (62) youth were enrolled in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) sponsored by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS)/Pike County Department of Jobs and Family Services (PCDJFS) and operated by the Community Action Committee (CAC) of Pike County. The TANF SYEP Participants were 16-24 years of age. The youth started their Work Experience Activities on Monday, June 8, 2015 and completed them on Friday, October 16, 2015. They worked a total of 16,067.25 hours, and they earned \$130,144.73 in cumulative wages by working thirty-two (32) hours per week at \$8.10 per hour.

Thirty-two (32) different businesses, schools and organizations were used to provide thirty-seven (37) different work sites. Eleven (11) were private for-profit and twenty-one (21) were non-profit work sites.

Forty-seven (47) out of sixty-two (62) youth completed their Work Experience Activities successfully for a completion rate of 76%. Five (5) of the exited youth were hired by their work sites: CAC of Pike County, Garnet A. Wilson Library-Waverly Branch, McDonalds of Waverly, Sunrush Water and Ways Farm. Seven (7) of the exited youth were hired by other employers: Adena of Waverly, CNR Flooring, Piketon Marathon Station, Waverly Tim Hortons, Waverly Walmart, Waverly Wendy's and Waverly YMCA. Four (4) youth are attending post-secondary classes at Shawnee State University and one (1) at Cedarville University. Thirty-seven (37) youth returned to local high schools.

The TANF SYEP Participants were able to gain valuable entry level job skills, interpersonal skills and work maturity skills through their Work Experience Activities. They also acquired experience in the real world at a local business, organization or school. The youth were able to improve their communication skills and confidence during the activities as well. The money they earned was also a boost to the local economy and businesses.

Once again the TANF SYEP was a big success due to the cooperation and hard work of the ODJFS, PCDJFS, CAC, local businesses, organizations and high schools.

Congratulations to Rita, Wayne, and all of the Employment and Training Staff.