

Great Things Are Happening at Community Action

TO: All Employees
FROM: Gary Roberts, Executive Director
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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.

Employment & Training TANF SYEP Program

Due to a lack of work experience and job skills, in addition to living in a county with high unemployment and slow job growth, a participant of the Employment and Training Programs was having difficulty in finding employment. After graduating from high school he made his initial visit to the Pike County OhioMeansJobs Career Center. His goal was to improve his job and interpersonal skills, build a work history and of course earn some money. He applied to participate in the 2010 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which he successfully completed. He continued to participate in the TANF SYEP through 2015 at different work sites (Way Farms, CAC Maintenance, CAC CATS and Sunrush Water). Every year he showed improvement in his academic, interpersonal and job skills through his hard work and participation in the TANF SYEP building a very good work history along the way.

The experience and knowledge he gained throughout his participation in the TANF SYEP helped improve his academic levels, attendance, punctuality, attitude, and integrity as well as many other personal and job skills.

His job performance and individual growth improved so much throughout his participation in the TANF SYEP that his last work site (Sunrush Water) agreed to hire him as a full-time employee at the end of the program.

An OJT Agreement funded through the Employment & Training Department of CAC of Pike County was negotiated with Sunrush Water to help offset the training expenses for this participant during his first weeks of employment. He successfully completed the OJT Agreement on December 2, 2015.

Per his supervisor, "He is still employed full-time with Sunrush Water. He is still doing a great job, and he is a very valued employee who is looking forward to the future."

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