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Capital Area Youth Workforce Council



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Capital Area Third Annual Youth Summit

For the third year, Capital Area Youth Workforce Council hosted a summit for youth in Wake and Johnston Counties. On March 1st, the day's agenda was filled with workshops and a career and resource fair was held in the Pryor-Bradford Building at Millbrook United Methodist Church. Kevin Jenkins motivated the crowd by inspiring youth to set goals and take the steps to achieve them.

Youth attended a series of workshops on preparing resumes, interviewing techniques, and money management. Some commented that the workshops sessions were just what they needed to begin

their professional pursuits while others stated that it was an opportunity to sharpen some of their skills.

The career and resource fair provided information to youth seeking summer or part-time employment and those seeking to further their education. Representatives from colleges and local businesses were available to speak to youth about their qualifications and to schedule interviews.

Council members and committee members planned a wonderful event beneficial to all youth. A Youth Summit is planned for the spring of 2008.



NC Statewide Youth Summit

High Point, NC and The Radisson Hotel welcomed over 100 youth from across the state who attended a leadership development summit on April 20th and 21st.. Local Area youth staff met for several months to plan an event that would give youth the opportunity to identify and discuss youth-related issues. Legislators and commu-

nity leaders were invited to attend to hear proposed policies and ideas to address the issues. Youth identified getting and maintaining jobs, attending college, and lack of adequate support and resources as common concerns. Attendees cited the guest speakers, workshops, and the entertainment as other highlights of the summit.



Caring for the Community



Capital Area's WIA youth displayed pride in their community by participating in National Youth Service Day. Youth Service Day is recognized annually throughout the nation by thousands of youth. It is a positive experience that promotes leadership, team building, and responsibility.



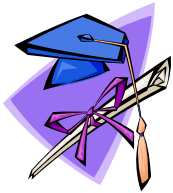
Participants in the Project R.E.A.D.Y program at Haven House teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to construct homes in Dowling Ridge subdivision in Raleigh. Project

P.R.I.D.E participants from Telamon Corporation received plant and flower donations to tidy up a garden at a nursing home that was started last year by WIA youth. Toddlers at a local daycare were entertained by Community Partnerships, Inc. YES! participants who worked individually with the toddlers and shared stories. Johnston County Industries Yes I Can participants, along with local law enforcement agencies, hosted a Gang Awareness and

Prevention Forum in Selma, NC. Former gang members spoke to parents and youth about gang signs and communication, preventing gang involvement, and available community resources.

The service projects are sure to have a lasting, positive impact in our community.

WIA Youth Headlines



Congratulations to the following youth for their achievements:

Anthony W.—GED

Stephanie H.— High School Diploma

Demetrius M.— High School Diploma

Jessica W.— GED

John L.— GED

Nicole C.—GED

Shatterra W.— CNA Certification

Sharhonda J.— CNA Certification

Shanese G.— High School Diploma

Christina M.— High School Diploma

Joshua F.— GED

Crystal B.—Early Childhood Certificate

Shanta B.— CNA Certification

Dana G.— Occupational Certification

Kashina J.—CNA Certification



Youth Council Member Spotlight

Capital Area Youth Workforce Council is fortunate to have Gary Snow serve as Chairman for 2006-07 term. Mr. Snow is Program Director for the Juvenile Restitution Program with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office. His daily responsibilities include working with court-involved youth who have been ordered to perform community service. His work with the youth extends far beyond supervising community projects. He develops meaningful relationships with the youth and provides a quality program to help them become positive and productive citizens. Mr.

Snow stated that serving 120 youth for a program that is budgeted for 80 has been one of the biggest challenges.

Mr. Snow has served on the Youth Council for eight years. During his tenure he has endorsed the WIA program by actively participating in activities such as our annual Youth Summit and Youth Service Day. He has emerged in his role of Chairman and has provided great insight for operating a successful youth program.

On a more personal note, Mr. Snow is married, with one son, and is expecting the arri-

val of another child in November. He is most proud of his family and stated that "he strives to be a better husband and father each day." Mr. Snow has recently become a minister and knows that his work will be an added compliment to working with youth.

Hats off to Mr. Snow for his hard work and dedication. The Capital Area Workforce Development family looks forward to continued work with Mr. Snow.



**Gary Snow
Chairman**

WELCOME

Capital Area Youth Workforce Council Newest Members



**Quenton Cooper
Wake County Human Services
Foster Care**



**Jo Anne Honeycutt
Johnston County Public Schools
Career and Technical Education**



**Christian Cole
Johnston County Industries
(Youth Representative)**



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in Wake and Johnston Counties.

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