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\$3 Millions Stimulus Dollars at Work: WCF's Summer Youth Employment Program to Employ 1,200 Residents

Orlando, FL. WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA announces its Summer Youth Employment Program, a strategy to employ 1,200 young adults into local jobs starting work on June 22. The youth will have an opportunity to earn \$8 an hour and work up to 35 hours a week for 6 to 14 weeks. About 100 out of school youth will work in targeted industries for up to 38 weeks. WCF's \$3,084,245 program is funded by stimulus dollars under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Who Qualifies? Youth ages 16-24 who live in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties who are economically disadvantaged are encouraged to apply for the program. An online application will be available at www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/SummerWork soon. Youth will be placed in employment opportunities with non profits, government agencies, and targeted private sector employers in the five counties. Employers interested in participating may also apply online.

"The Summer Youth Employment Program will provide valuable work experience and income to 1,200 young adults, and it will have an immediate financial impact on our local economy," shares Gary J. Earl, President & CEO of WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA.

WCF expects to receive a total of \$12 million in stimulus dollars over the next two years to support employment and job training programs. Details will be announced in June for additional programs.

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region's workforce expert, helping over 4,700 employers connect with more than 50,000 job seekers. WCF offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses succeed in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career. For more information, visit WCF online at www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com.