



THE DCF WORK/LEARN YOUTH PROGRAM IS OPENING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2006!

What is the DCF New Haven Work/Learn youth program?

The DCF New Haven Work/Learn youth program is an innovative, youth-driven program designed to help young people achieve success in education, employment, financial literacy, and life skills – – – just to name a few areas! The expansion of these services into New Haven is a result of unprecedented state and local collaborations. Input from youth and providers has also been included in the creation of the program.

This program will help young people in their successful transition into adulthood. Participants can learn how to find employment, interview, and complete job applications. Young people will be supported in their efforts to achieve educational goals such as completing college and vocational school applications, obtaining tutoring services, enrolling in professional certificate programs, and completing GED programs. There will be on site youth run businesses and a variety of training opportunities.

Each young person who enters this program will receive an Individual Development Account. For each dollar a young person saves, the program will match the savings- dollar for dollar- up \$1,000 for the first year of their involvement in the program!

Where is the program?

Marrakech will open the program at 526 Whalley Avenue on November 2, 2006! The center will even be open for weekend and evening hours! This "CENTER" will be the hub for young people to gather for all activities including formal trainings and programming and less formal social and recreational activities.

Who can be referred?

60 slots are available for DCF youth in care ages 14-21 living in the New Haven area. Young parents, especially fathers, are encouraged to participate. 20 slots are reserved for 16-17 year olds referred by CSSD. All participants must be able to function independently in the community with minimal supervision.

What is the referral process?

DCF workers and Adult Probation officers must make all referrals to the DCF liaison.

Need more info?

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