



2018 Real Skills for Youth Grant Recipients

The Real Skills for Youth program builds on the longstanding summer youth employment investments that offered summer jobs through local providers. Under the new program, the Governor’s Workforce Board (GWB) will directly support partnerships between industry and education to develop and implement paid summer work-based learning experiences for youth ages 14-24, and to provide year-round career readiness programming.

The Real Skills for Youth program is part of Rhode Island’s larger effort – [PrepareRI](#) – a 3-year action plan supported by a \$2 million New Skills for Youth grant from JP Morgan Chase, to ensure all Rhode Island students are college and career ready. PrepareRI aims to close the gap between what students learn in school and what they need for high-demand jobs, and to ensure that historically underserved student populations have expanded access to quality career preparation opportunities in priority sector industries – through scaling out activities such as career exploration and work-based learning opportunities.

Real Skills partnerships are anticipated to serve more than 1300 youth in the summer with paid work experiences, and more than 2500 youth during the school year with a variety of career readiness programming, including career exploration, building essential skills, and work-based learning. With additional youth investments in Real Jobs RI and Real Pathways RI partnerships, around 2000 more youth will benefit from career readiness programming.

The GWB has invested \$2.9 million towards the Real Skills for Youth program through the 10 partnerships listed below:

CCAP Cranston and Providence

Lead Applicant: Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: CCAP, Cranston School Department, Providence School Department, EOC Office at CCRI

Industry and Other Partners: Yushin, CVS, Aramark, RI Marine Trades Association, Building Futures, RI Hospitality Association, RI Hospital/Lifespan, Coastway Community Bank, City of Cranston, Junior Achievement

Geographic Area: Cranston and Providence

Abstract: In Summer 2018, 80 youth will participate in work-based learning opportunities. Younger youth will work on several industry projects: rebuilding computers, working with Aramark on a “Farm to Fridge” program learning about the food industry and supply chain, and as mentors to younger students in a STEM program. Older youth will be placed in internships at CVS and Yushin. During the academic year, youth participate in career readiness and financial literacy programs, and are matched to internships as appropriate.

One Providence for Youth

Lead Applicant: City of Providence, Office of Economic Opportunity

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: Providence Public Schools, Comprehensive Community Action Program, Comprehensive Action Program of Providence, RI Nurses Institute Middle College, College Visions, Boys and Girls Club of Providence, Providence After School Alliance, Providence Public Library

Industry and Other Partners: Care New England, Lifespan, PVD Healthworks, IntraCity Geeks, Institute of Labor Studies and Research, WeMakeRI, Casa Buena Builders, KITE Architects, City of Providence

Geographic Area: Providence

Abstract: In Summer 2018, subgrants to outside providers (ex. Intracity Geeks, CareNE, CAPP, WeMakeRI) to provide paid internships, work-based learning projects, and training with industry focus to 330 Providence youth; including to the City of Providence to connect older youth with advanced internships at local employers. During the year, subgrants to PCTA/Casa Buena for CTE Construction program; CareNE for healthcare internships; Providence Library for coding classes; and WeMakeRI for manufacturing training will impact about 340 youth.

Newport – Real Skills for Youth Partnership

Lead Applicant: Newport Community School

Timeframe: Academic Year

Youth Partners: Newport Community School, Newport Public Schools

Industry and Other Partners: St. Clare Newport, Salve Regina University

Geographic Area: Newport

Abstract: During the academic year, 150 students at Thomson Middle School and Rogers High School will participate in career exploration and career enrichment programs, CNA and Home/Health Care training, and career-focused expanded learning opportunities.

Real Skills Partnership for Woonsocket Youth

Lead Applicant: Connecting for Children and Families

Timeframe: Academic Year

Youth Partners: Connecting for Children and Families

Industry and Other Partners: Real Jobs RI Partnership of Northern RI

Geographic Area: Woonsocket

Abstract: During the academic year, 350 Woonsocket High School students will participate in in-depth career exploration and job readiness programming during the school day and in afterschool hours. A career exploration coordinator will work with industry partners and teachers to connect high school students with career-focused learning.

SPARK: Spreading Passion and Revealing Knowledge

Lead Applicant: Central Falls School District

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: Central Falls Schools, SER Jobs for Progress

Industry and Other Partners: Navigant Credit Union, Murdock Webbing, Central Falls Parks and Recreation, Harris Health Care, BV Tourism, City of Central Falls, Storage America, Roger's Hardware, Progreso Latino, Adams Library, Central Falls Fire and Police, Lincoln Senior Center, Crayons and Lollipops, Le Meyers Collision Center, G-Force Manufacturing, Bravo Supermarket, Jump Start, RI National Guard, Roger Williams University

Geographic Area: Central Falls

Abstract: In Summer 2018 and during the year, programming will target 80 8th, 9th and 10th graders in need of credit recovery. In Summer, youth will combine academic credit recovery in the morning with paid internships at local employers in the afternoons. In the academic year, those same youth, plus 10 older youth in the Multiple Pathways program, will receive targeted career exploration and goal-setting activities. The 10 older students will participate in paid part-time internships.

Starting the Seed: A Food Systems Career Pathway

Lead Applicant: Southside Community Land Trust

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: Southside Community Land Trust

Industry and Other Partners: RI Nursery and Landscape Association, Sidewalk Ends Farm, Scratch Farm, USDA SNAP-Ed

Geographic Area: Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls

Abstract: In Summer 2018, 20 younger and older youth participate in internships and industry projects at Southside in agriculture, land management, and nutrition education. During the year, 8 older youth will participate in paid internships and career training, including advancing technical and management skills; feeding into apprenticeship programs through the RI Nursery and Landscape Association.

Summer Design Studio

Lead Applicant: DownCity Design

Timeframe: Summer

Youth Partners: DownCity Design, Providence Public Schools

Industry and Other Partners: KITE architects, Union Studio Architecture, Gilbane Construction, Sproutel

Geographic Area: Providence

Abstract: 50 youth will work with real-world clients who propose challenges that can be addressed through design. Through industry projects, students explore career pathways in design, construction, and advanced manufacturing, and build their technical skills.

Unlimited Dreams

Lead Applicant: Young Voices

Timeframe: Summer

Youth Partners: Young Voices, Blackstone Academy Charter School, Alvarez High School

Industry and Other Partners: Environmental Strategies and Management, Blackstone Valley Community Health Care/Office on Health, City of Central Falls, Bank of America, Navigant Credit Union, TPG Hotels and Resorts

Geographic Area: Providence, Central Falls, Pawtucket

Abstract: 35 youth will engage in 5 industry projects in Summer 2018 with support from industry professionals: examining whether public incentives for the proposed PawSox project will benefit the community; identifying and evaluating the effects of public incentives implemented in the lower Blackstone River area; analyzing data and developing recommendations for outreach to populations that are underutilizing healthcare; studying entrepreneurship and creating a business plan for Young Voices merchandise; and identifying and analyzing barrier to education for girls of color.

YouthBuild Community Connections

Lead Applicant: YouthBuild Preparatory Academy

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: YouthBuild Preparatory Academy, YouthBuild Providence

Industry and Other Partners: RI Builders Association, One Neighborhood Builders, West Elmwood Housing, Institute for Study and Practice of Non-violence

Geographic Area: Providence

Abstract: In Summer 2018, 30 youth at all skill levels work on two community-based construction projects. During the year, 10 older youth have part-time paid opportunities at construction sites with YouthBuild's industry partners.

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Lead Applicant: Workforce Partnership of Greater RI

Timeframe: Summer and Academic Year

Youth Partners: Comprehensive Community Action Program, Tri-County Community Action Program, Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, West Bay Community Action Program, East Bay Community Action Program, Center for Dynamic Learning, SER Jobs, MET School, other schools across RI

Industry and Other Partners: RI Marine Trades Association, RI Hospitality Association, RI Educational Opportunity Center at CCRI, SENEDIA, Building Futures, 149 employer partners, Junior Achievement, Institute for Labor Studies and Research

Geographic Area: Central Falls, Pawtucket, North Providence, Warwick, West Warwick, East Bay, South County

Abstract: In Summer 2018 and throughout the year, subgrants to youth centers and other providers (ex. Junior Achievement, SER Jobs, Center for Dynamic Learning) to match over 700 youth with internship placements and hands-on career exploration programs at CTE centers. During the year, over 1000 youth will participate in career readiness and financial literacy programs, and are matched to internships as appropriate.