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Is your teenager interested in paid job training, career awareness or a job?

Dear DCF Social Worker, Caregiver or Foster Parent,

Thank you for showing the courage and generosity to provide ongoing care and guidance to a Young Adult/teenager. Thank you for allowing yourself to be challenged by a young person coming from a different place in life.

As we guide our children through these experiences, we help them to build confidence and independence in gradual steps as they age. One step toward independence for young people is the path to a career and the satisfaction of a paid job. We are writing to let you know that Connecticut has more than \$5 million in funds for job readiness, training and paid work programs for young people.

Youth involved in job training or subsidized work are paid minimum wage for paid career education, job training and work. When compared to traditional school, the youth employment and training programs offer young job seekers greater opportunities to focus on career awareness and development. Your Young adult may be able to participate in remote, virtual or on-site classroom, job readiness, or training time.

Youth workers can help with food service, retail, childcare, summer camps, and many more roles. In previous years, youth served as prep chefs, camp counselors, maintenance workers, coders, data entry workers, graphic design assistants, gardeners, fashion designers, kennel assistants, lifeguards, store clerks, production assistants, artists, and groundskeepers.

What Young People Say About It

"I learned how to properly fill out my resume & how to professionally say things at a work interview. I also learned how to properly save money for future things, how to properly buy a house & the steps it requires," said one 15-year-old Windham high school student.

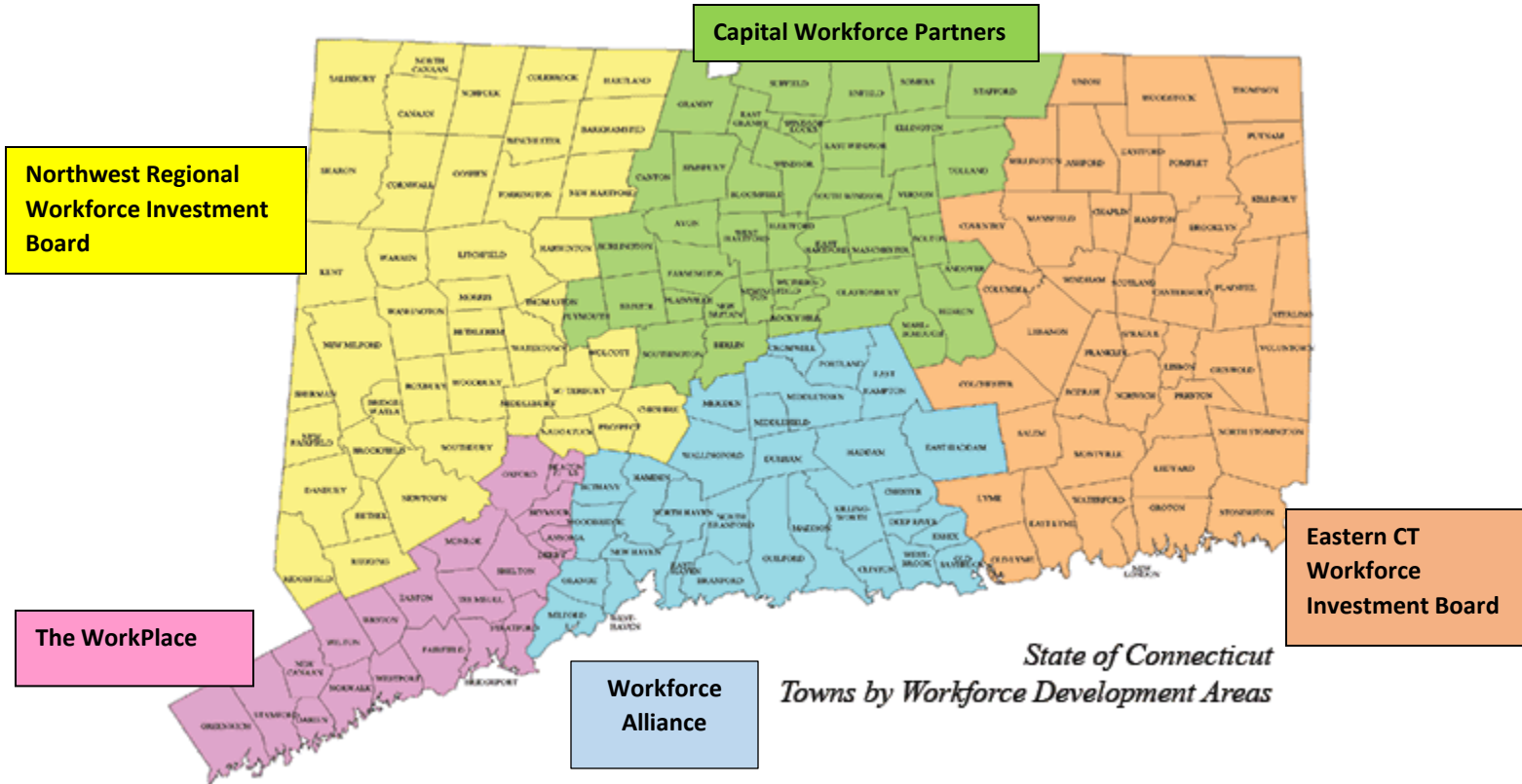
"I leaned about goal setting and the importance of saving money and plan for college. It was overall a great experience," said one, a 14-year-old Trumbull High School student.

"I've learned a great deal in regards to entrepreneurship and how to both create and manage my own business," 17-year-old New Britain high school student.

Where Can They Work?

Each year, between 2,000 and 3,000 young people, aged 14-24 work for a Connecticut business, gain job experience and perhaps even a game-changing career path. Participating employers include drug stores; clothes stores; hospitals; YMCA camps; libraries; city/town parks and recreation offices; nonprofit community agencies; museums; print shops; salons; childcare centers; farms; bike shops; restaurants; community colleges; churches; law offices; golf courses; sporting venues, and many more.

You or your child can begin enrolling by contacting the workforce development board near you. Here is a map with each town in the workforce board's region. Phone numbers and websites follow:



WORKFORCE BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	2022 Applications Open
Capital Workforce Partners	1 Union Place, Hartford 06103	(860) 899-3606	Feb 14 th – May 28 th
Workforce Alliance	560 Ella Grasso Blvd. New Haven 06519	(203) 624-1493	Various deadlines for each town
Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board	Contact Youth Employment and Training Coordinator, EASTCONN	(860) 455-1572	Through May 31st
The WorkPlace, Inc.	238 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport 06604	(203) 610-8500	Through April 20th
Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Inc.	249 Thomaston Ave. Waterbury 06702	(203) 574-6971 x 466 or 471	April 15th until May 27th