

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2010
TO: Youth Council of the Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF) Board
FROM: Glenn Eagleson, Director of Policy & Planning, OEWD
SUBJECT: Summer Youth Employment Planning

Summer 2009

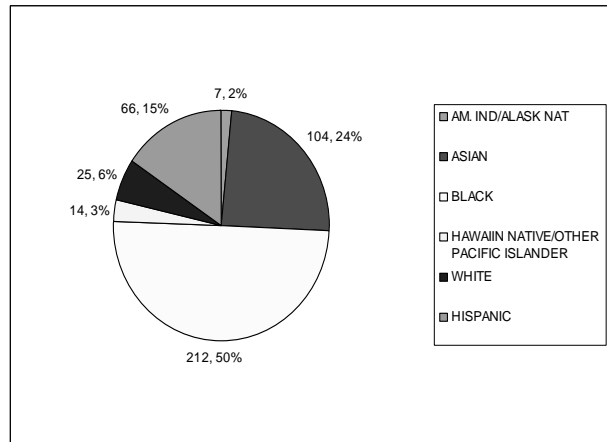
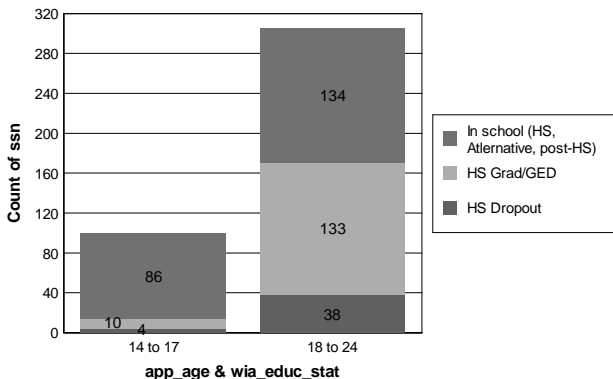
OEWD – WIA Funded Summer Youth Employment Program

With a late infusion of federal stimulus dollars through the American Reinvestment and Recover Act, OEWD was able to offer a stand-alone federally funded summer youth employment program for the first time in ten years. With this funding, OEWD developed the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Following a quick start up, OEWD contracted with eight organizations to implement the program, resulting in 400 young people participating in the 6-8 week program.

SYEP Participant Demographics

- 42% Aged 16 - 18
- 51% Aged 19 – 21
- 17% Aged 22 – 24
- 100% low income
- 46% Out-of-School youth
- 40% Receiving Food Stamps
- 38% living in Public Housing
- 20% Receiving TANF, GA or other cash aid
- 29% Homeless or at-risk
- 19% Limited English Proficiency
- 10% Persons with Disabilities
- 8% Pregnant or Parenting
- 7% Foster Youth under 18

Number of enrolled participants by age and education status



Following the summer experience:

- 15 % were placed in or continued to be employed
- 22% continued to be enrolled in education/training programs
- 58% returned to high school or were enrolled in higher education

DCYF

These services were in addition to the ongoing and expanded summer youth employment opportunities funded through DCYF. During Summer 2009, an estimated 1,400 young people received paid work experiences or internships through a dozen DCYF-funded programs. While some were summer only placements, the majority continued on for year-round services.

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At this time, it is unlikely that San Francisco will receive additional federal monies for a stand-alone summer program. The one exception is the local draw-down of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds which may be used to serve young people in a summer only program.

Despite the complexities involved with being in a procurement process, DCYF has pushed up their funding decisions to the extent possible to be able to notify potential grantees in mid/late April, to increase the ability for organizations to plan and implement summer programming.

OEWD has set aside existing Workforce Investment Act dollars to implement a scaled down summer program, having the infrastructure in place should additional federal monies become available. Our goal is to reach young people ages 17-21 who are currently not working or enrolled in education and make a formal connection to education, the workforce or both.

OEWD, DCYF, SFUSD and HSA have been working to coordinate and best leverage their various summer employment and internship programs that serve youth ages 13 – 24 years. Through joint planning, the departments hope to coordinate outreach, youth preparation, worksite development and employer outreach, payroll and monitoring.

