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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

JOBS for YOUNG ADULTS

Jobs for Young Adults is a 28-34 hour job readiness/life skills Workshop for 16-20 year olds. This program was developed in 1984 by employers from all industries in the Topeka area.
Upon completion of the workshop, participants are certified as "Job Ready" and will have access to more than 200 employers who have agreed to interview graduates of the program as positions become available.

Benefits to the Youth are having the inside scoop on what employers are looking for and the soft skills the employers need. Participants will also have knowledge of on-line applications and how to get their applications noticed.

We conduct a 6 month follow-up with the participant and their employer. We are able to talk with employers about concerns. We are a major advocate for the participant to make sure the employers are following labor laws and that the participant likes their job.

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Youth Council

is a youth leadership program for area high school students. It is also the Mayor's Advisory Council on youth issues.

Outstanding Employers and Employees from the Jobs for Young Adult's Annual Recognition dinner

YOUTH COURT

This program is youth led and youth driven by 13-18 year old students. The judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, jurors, bailiff, court clerk and defendants are all teenagers. They hear cases of first time traffic offenders, with misdemeanor charges. As a juror, the youth decide the sanctions to be imposed upon the offender. Sanctions can range from community service, written or oral apologies, essays related to the offene and/or improving grades. Particiapnts serve as a juror in 2 cases.

Youth Court provides young adults with education on the legal and judicial system which many times causes youth to rethink their views on delinquent behavior. This often leads youth to adopt more pro-social attitudes. This outcome ultimately has the ability to enhance safety in our community.

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About the Youth Project

Topeka Youth Project is a grassroots 501(C)(3), non-profit organization that serves as a youth development agency, providing constructive opportunites for youth in areas of employment and training, community service, and youth leadership, to help youth avoid high risk behaviors which jeopardize their futures.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering youth in our community to become productive and responsible adults by providing constructive opportunities to prevent high risk behaviors.

GUIDING PRINCIPALS

1) Youth as resources: Youth are seen as resources, not problems. Young people can help meet pressing human and environmental needs in our community.
2) Youth empowerment: Youth have important contributions and ideas and the capability to implement these ideas with adult support.
3) Self-esteem and life skills: Youth need to develop life skills and self-confidence and be provided the opportunity to use those skills in real life situations.
4) Diversity: All youth served, not just disadvantaged youth. The needs of high risk youth are best met through a formal support system that addresses the needs of all youth.

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