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NUW YORK CITY TERFARMENT LOOKINO FOR WORK opt some mich-medid good news a few werks ago, an Mayor Bloomberg and other city and stare official antimumed plane to use more than 151 million in federal stimulies dollars to create jobs through the city's Bomer With millions from stare and city offers, these funds will support approximately \$1,000 plots this summer-an increase of about R.000 from 2006- at businesses and more proff organizations across the three bronzyde. Each job pays the minimum wage of \$7,25 per hour, and in addition to their 30 hours of work per work, participants per classroom instruction on subject from financial literary to work readiness and public health.

The Center wave about the importance of summer loss for young New Yorkner how years ago, in a policy brief trifed "Summer Help," We certainly believe that he additional job dots represent a clear with for the city prongaters who EE then. Undertanately, the program is till fielty to become all near a many others on the ortidd hoxing in. Last year, the Department of Yorth and allocates the jobs through a lottery, received more than allocates the jobs through a lottery, received more than discusses the jobs dots. As of early May 2000, the agency already 41,000 job dots. As of early May 2000, the agency already and received more than B.1.000 agglications for this summer, and with the program now open to individual aged to to 24, up them 21 is a prior years—a condition of the Indexi inducing imflax—that number sauly could scopes and year's Mad.

Perhaps worst of all, toens from the poorest families an in the city-those with household incomes of less than to \$20,000 nor year-were by far the least likely to work, car

ers than one in every ten torms from this group had jobs 2005. By contrast, torus from families earning more has 580,000, which typically can tap a while circle of octal and professional contacts, were more than twice as larly in hare worked that year. But does the sublic hare a coul interest in making

suce that young people can find employment? Brearch register the answere in a unambiguous yea, for the simple reason that these who get late the half of working as a term are stabilised preside more likely to keep doing so into additioned. Ansitree Ban, director of the Counter for Labor Markow Fandos at Northeaners and the Counter for Labor Markow Fandos at Northeaners photyneard seventher, inters, "Communities that provide how for Kohn New a much better complement record for their young adults." Perturbativy for individuals who due to go on to college immodiately after graduating high school, work experiment during their term years has a positive impact on both the Balebiolo of employment and higher sensings in young adulthood. The implication of this trend are clear for circle in recrement, as well a sepachtramy on corrections, welfare, and other incidii striven.

Even before the current increasion, local youth asiferred in the competition for ights by the presence of anskilled immigrants and individuals transitioning off or public assistance. Now they also much control with conord-work adults who can offer employers more education and work experiment. As we orientism the addition of 5.000 job sites in STEE, public officials, business leaders and all concerned citzenss should evaluable their efforts to ensure that every young New Yorker who wants a job can flut ans. Report - June 2009

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