

# Stark County Job & Family Services

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## Summer Youth Employment Program Funding

Stark County Job and Family Services (SCJFS) has been awarded federal funding to create summer youth employment programs in Stark County. Funded through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, funding is designated for TANF eligible youth who meet one the following criteria:

- Youth ages 14-17, in a TANF-eligible family and in school. Youth may be 18 if they are full-time students in high school.
- Youth ages 18-24, as long as they are in a TANF-eligible family that also has a minor child.
- Youth ages 18-24, who have a minor child and are considered needy.
- Youth ages 14 to 17, in a foster care setting. Youth may be 18 if they are full-time students in high school.

Funding will be administered through the SCJFS Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) program and will operate from May 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. Summer Youth Employment funding will enable county agencies to establish programs that allow low income, TANF-eligible Stark County youth to gain valuable work experience while earning a paycheck. The program also offers youth the opportunity to develop a work history and obtain a letter of reference from employers.

Stark County providers who want to be considered for TANF Summer Youth Program funding must complete and submit a signed original Request for Proposal (RFP). To obtain a copy of the RFP, please contact Leah O'Connell by email, [Leah.OConnell@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Leah.OConnell@jfs.ohio.gov) or by phone, 330.451.8598. Submission deadline for RFPs is 11:00 a.m., April 7, 2016. RFPs may be submitted in person, through U.S. Mail, Email, or by fax to Leah O'Connell, 330.451.8300.

Strong consideration will be given to proposals that demonstrate the ability facilitate the program with minimal administrative costs, and to employ a number of local youth.

For additional information about the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact: Susan Lenigar, [Susan.Lenigar@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Susan.Lenigar@jfs.ohio.gov) or 330.451.8639.