

FY2020 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPLEMENT

Mid-Year Report

Funding provided by the Garrett County Local Management Board

Mid-Year Program Overview (July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)

The Garrett County Local Management Board provides funding for Garrett County Youth through the Youth Employment Supplement. The Western Maryland Consortium (WMC) is a partner in this program and works to identify youth in Garrett County that are economically disadvantaged and have a barrier to overcome for employment. Many participants who are served through this program have experiences with system involvement. System involvement varies from juvenile services to teen age pregnancy/parenting. The target population is Out of School Youth ages 16-24 (high school dropout, or high school graduates not attending post-secondary education). The Western MD Consortium staff will provide youth with the opportunity for structured quality year-round work experiences, opportunities to assist youth in meeting educational goals through workforce training programs, GED programs, math and reading remediation classes, and mentoring to provide youth with the soft skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

WMC staff work with Disconnected Youth participants on a case by case basis to assess their needs and goals and provide:

- Work skills training & job placement
- Transportation or other supportive service funds
- Career counseling
- Remedial class opportunities in math and reading
- Soft skills coaching - the interpersonal attributes you need to succeed in the workplace.

Highlights of Progress (Mid-Year)

Thus far in FY20, there is 1 youth participant in the program that will complete a positive work experience as of January 30, 2020. The sole participant so far for FY20 reported that he

gained valuable work experience and life skills as a result of being in the program. The youth participant is affected by justice system involvement with one parent incarcerated in nearby Washington County. His other parent, terminally ill, resides in a nursing home and he is in the kinship of his grandparents. While in his work experience through The Western Maryland Consortium funded by the LMB, he decided to enroll in College during the fall semester and has maintained good grades as well as continued to do well on the jobsite. His work has been as a maintenance assistant through the Town of Grantsville and his chosen college career path currently is engineering. While there was no permanent job opening for them to offer him permanent employment at this time, they certainly will consider him for a job opening when the opportunity arises. Funding remains for Spring 2020 for another Garrett County youth facing barriers and WMC is prepared to assist.