



November 2013 Youth Apprenticeship Program

Employment is one of the keys to a successful reentry, and we are committed to planting the seeds for youth to become reliable, productive workers for today's workforce. This is why I am delighted to announce the launch of the DYS Youth Apprenticeship Program. By offering apprenticeship opportunities to those youth who are ready to assume more responsibility, we are improving opportunities for career preparation.

Apprenticeships are comprehensive educational options that include teaching a youth how to be part of a workforce. These opportunities help to instill the values of hard work, character, reliability, dedication, productivity, cooperation and work excellence, which serve youth well throughout their working years. Apprenticeships provide a useful education and career choice that help youth learn while getting ahead.

The Youth Apprenticeship Program at DYS is launching this month for youth who have a High School Diploma or General Education Development (GED) Certificate. DYS will offer youth real work experiences that provide training that is recognized by the United States Department of Labor through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio State Apprenticeship Council. The first offering of the Youth Apprenticeship Program is the Culinary/Cook Apprenticeship. This program, which is beginning at all four facilities, will prepare youth for the restaurant industry through hands-on experiences in the facility's cafeteria.

We anticipate expanding apprenticeship opportunities to Facilities Building Management, Landscape, Dog Training and more in the coming months.