

Delaware County Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee
Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:00 am
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Agenda and Report

Youth Committee Minutes August 28, 2025

Youth Summer Program Contract Renewal:

- Be Proud \$231,186
- Upper Darby Police Department \$224,756

2025-26 Q1 Program Performance

Business and Education Partnership

ARPA Summer Camp

Trade Union Apprenticeship Event

2026 Youth Committee Meeting Dates:

February 26, 2026 @ 9am

May 28, 2026 @ 9am

August 27, 2026 @ 9am

November 19, 2026 @ 9am

Success Story

EDSI's OSY Program Success

In March 2025, Jamira Tabron came into the PA CareerLink® office in Chester City looking for more career and educational opportunities. Jamira had a background as a home health aide and aspired to work in the medical field. She attended outreach events like the Job Fair in Subaru Park where many employers in the medical field advertised their career opportunities.

Jamira joined the Out-of-School Youth program in Delaware County to improve her access to training. She attended the Youth Orientation with a Youth Facilitator to build job readiness skills and update her resume. In April 2025, Jamira expressed interest in the Good Jobs Challenge, a program whose mission is to train individuals across underserved populations and communities with quality employment opportunities. After completing Full Circle's interview and admissions process, Jamira was happy to learn she was accepted. In June, she began classes for the CMAA/Phlebotomist Technician program and is currently active in workshops. Her long-term goal is to become a Medical Assistant and she feels more confident about where she is on that career path.

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Committee Attendance: Cathy Cardillo, Rick Durante, Bill Tyson, Steve Butz, Stephen Butz, Joe Lockley, Jason Rode (non-board member), Donna Tutak (staff), Allison Barksdale (staff), Jenn Kacimi (staff), Kate McGeever (staff), Rakia Butler (Upper Darby Police Department), Officer Stevens (Upper Darby Police Department)

Youth Committee Minutes May 29, 2025

Jason Rode motioned to approve the minutes, Stephen Butz seconded the motion, and all approved.

Success Story: Upper Darby Police Department Summer Youth Program

Rakia Butler from the Upper Darby Police Department's PLOT program gave a presentation on their DCWDB-funded summer program. She shared a program description and several success stories. The committee thanked her for her work and offered to support any of their needs.

2024-25 Q4 Program Performance

Jenn Kacimi highlighted that programs achieved their goals, including helping out-of-school youth to gain credentials, including Pharmacy Tech and Medical Assistant. The DCWDB coaching team worked extensively with contractors to ensure their data entry was accurate and reflected all the work being accomplished.

Work Experience Policy Change

Jenn explained a proposed policy change that would increase the maximums for weeks of summer employment and total hours of annual employment. Kate added that current funding levels are sufficient to support this change. The policy change is one of several that will be voted on at the September board meeting.

Business and Education Partnership

Allison Barksdale provided an update on the new "Beyond the Classroom" career awareness event for high school students. 139 students attended and gave positive feedback on the event. Last quarter 269 youth participated in BEP events, exceeding the annual goal of 100. Kate shared a call to action for board members who could host youth job shadowing days.

ARPA Summer Camp

Donna Tutak reported that the summer camp project is wrapping up for 2025 and that it was very successful.

General Committee Comments

Cathy Cardillo acknowledged that Donna Tutak will be retiring after a long career in workforce development.

WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth Services

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials	Measurable Skill Gains	Enrollments	
					Current	Planned
Community Action Agency of Delaware County	0	0	0	0	20	20
Chester Education Foundation	0	3	0	0	21	25
EDSI, Inc.	0	3	0	0	10	50
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	0	0	0	0	3	25

TANF Youth Development Program

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials	Enrollments	
				Current	Planned
Be Proud Foundation (LIP)	0	19	0	19	25
Chester Education Foundation	0	60	0	60	40
Upper Darby Police Department	0	32	0	32	30
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	0	2	0	10	15
EDSI, Inc	0	0	0	3	20

Business Education Partnership (BEP) Grant

Action	Goal	Progress to date
PACL workshops and worksite tours	Reach 100 students	456/100 students (2 year goal surpassed) Focused on planning for the upcoming school year. No workshops/site visits during this quarter.
Workshops, worksite tours, and job shadowing	Engage 20 employers	3/20 employers presented at PACL 100+ employers invited to participate in BEP activities, including DCWDB board members, Delco Chamber members, and PACL registered employers. No career development events delivered during this quarter, focused on outreach to employers to invite them to participate in job shadowing, worksite tours, and/or presentations for PACL After School programing.
Beyond the Classroom (BTC - career exploration event) and Young Adult Job Fair	Engage 50 employers	45/50 employers (2 year goal) The next event will take place in Spring 2026. We are incorporating feedback from our first successful event, considering ways to expand our reach to more youth. We are currently collaborating with Delaware County Community College as a possible partner and host site.
Outreach to schools in the County and DCIU/ Technical Schools	Invite all 17 schools and DCIU/Technical to participate in BEP activities	17/17 (Ongoing) Planning events to invite students and teachers/counselors to attend.
Sponsorship for occupational skills camp	60 sponsorships for camps at DCCC	52/60 (2 year goal) 52 scholarships provided this past summer to middle school students for occupational skills camps.

ARPA Summer Camp Program

Total registered for Summer 2025

11 Camps
61 Caregivers
88 Campers

Caregiver demographics:

1 American Indian
2 Asian
29 Black or African American
2 Other
5 Prefer not to say
20 White

46 Not Hispanic
2 Hispanic
7 Prefer not to say
4 Other

Final Survey Results

(3 surveys sent and 30 follow-up calls made)

61 caregivers surveyed

43 caregivers responded

Impact

100% searched for work

98% searched for jobs online

26% secured interviews

28% registered in PA CareerLink®

49% returned to full-time work

16% returned to part-time work



TRADE UNION APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

Trade Union Apprenticeship Career Fair. Learn about required skills, apprenticeship structures, testing dates and procedures, and ask questions directly to the union reps.

Unions and Trades Available:

- Teamsters Local 107 (transportation)
- Steamfitters Local 420
- Sheetmetal Workers Local 19
- Boilermakers Local 13
- Finishing Trades Institute Mid Atlantic Region
- Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 PA/DE
- Cement Masons Local 592
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 654
- Carpenters Local 255

DATE : Tuesday, December 9

TIME : 6pm-9pm

ADDRESS :

IBEW Local 654
3729 Chichester Ave, Boothwyn, PA 19061

QUESTIONS:

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