



**United Communities Building Together**  
**Comunidades Unidas Edificando Juntas**

## **When young people have jobs, our communities are stronger** **Support Job Programs for Youth**

**YouthWorks** is a state-funded youth jobs program, which provides funds that communities use to pay wages to low-income youth for summer jobs in the public, non-profit, and private sectors.

In 2008 YouthWorks was funded at \$8 million and provided employment to 4,260 low-income youth across Massachusetts. Of all youth served in the 2008 summer program, 89% were in-school, 3% had already graduated high school but were not enrolled in school, 3% were enrolled in a postsecondary program, and 2% were high school dropouts.

## **Thank you to the House for \$3.7million for the YouthWorks Teen Jobs Program** **(Line item #7002-0012) in the FY11 Budget**

### **School to Career Connecting Activities**

The mission of School-to-Career is to give all students the academic, technical/technological and employability skills necessary to compete in higher education and high performance workplaces.

Connecting Activities is a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education initiative that establishes public-private partnerships to connect schools and businesses to provide structured work-based learning experiences for students that support both academic and employability skill attainment.

Through School to Career Connecting Activities, students achieve more learning hours by extending the classroom to the workplace while providing more adults who can support these students in one-to-one relationships.

During fiscal year 2009, through School to Career Connecting Activities:

Employers invested \$29,335,507 in wages to support students in internships.  
13,051 students were placed in internships at 5,531 employer sites.

## **Thank you to the House for \$2 Million for School to Career (Line item 7027-0019) in the FY 11 Budget**



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