



INTRO: YCS YOUTH @ WORK

How do we expect young people to dream if they don't know what they can dream about? Opportunities for career exploration give young people broader exposure to the working world they will soon enter. It helps them "connect the dots" between school and career in ways that keep them motivated to graduate with the skills they will need for the future.

1. What is YCS @Work?

Our new internship program!

From February to May 2016, YCS students were provided with in-depth opportunities to learn about careers. Students interacted with working professionals and experienced the rhythms and requirements of the workplace at local businesses.

2. How long was the program?

10 weeks total (3 weeks of training, 6 weeks at work sites, and 1 week of reflection)

3. What day and time was the program? Fridays only

Each student's individual timeline was different based on their class schedule, internship location and mode of transportation--- Students went to work-sites for approximately 3 hours.

4. How did students get to their internship sites?

Thanks to the AATA, bus fare was provided for all students who needed it. Students had the option of driving.

5. Were students paid or given credit?

YCS @Work is an unpaid internship program. Students received credit for the work that they complete on Fridays including work based learning assignments, timesheet submission and employer feedback.

6. How did we prepare students?

Michigan Works, Colonial Life and the A2Y Chamber of Commerce spent 3 Fridays with students working on employability skills.

8. Who participated in the program?

12th grade students who exhibited a commitment to attendance in the beginning of 2nd semester.

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