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CareerSource Tampa Bay to Place Nearly 700 Youth in Summer Jobs

~Youth to get paired up with employers and learn valuable job skills~

TAMPA, FL – CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) will kick off their Summer Job Connection 2021 Youth Summit at a Tampa hotel. The week-long event starts on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and runs until Friday, June 4, 2021. This Summer Job Connection Youth Summit is an invitation-only summit. It will have more than 700 young adults from 16 to 24 years of age taking part in essential work readiness training and even an opportunity to look for what may be their first job.

“This is an exciting week for many of the young adults participating in the Summer Job Connection program,” said Jody Toner, Chief Policy and Performance Officer with CareerSource Tampa Bay. “For many of those taking part in the Summer Job Connection program, it will be their first job, and with that, there’s a lot of pride not only for the participant but also their families. Seeing their sons or daughters have the opportunity to participate in this program can change the trajectory of their future.”

Those participating in the program chose three different tracks, including *Paid Work Experience*, *Virtual Career Exploration*, or a *Leadership Academy* called, ‘*Young Leaders of Tomorrow*’. CareerSource Tampa Bay is the employer of record and handles payroll and payment of the young adults participating in the program.

“This is a big help for businesses in Hillsborough County, especially small businesses looking for part-time help this summer,” said CareerSource Tampa Bay’s CEO John Flanagan. “We are excited to team up with our partners in the business community, they provide the mentoring, and we do all of the rest with payroll and administering the program.”

CSTB is also partnering with the *Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners* and the *Hillsborough School District* to make this program possible. Youth involved in the program will hear a taped message from Hillsborough County School Superintendent Addison Davis talking about the advantages of getting into the workforce. The Hillsborough County School District, the largest employer in the county, has the most jobs available for Youth in the Summer Job Connection.

More than 130 businesses have signed up to participate in the program and the Youth will be able to select from more than 1,000 jobs at Summer Job Connection Youth Summit Job Fair

on Friday, June 4. The signup for the program occurred from January to March, 2021 and the program is now closed to only those who registered and received an invitation to this week's event.

Youth hired will be paired up with Summer Job Connection Career Coaches who will work with them on developing job seeking skills, including updating their resumes, appropriate appearance for job, job interview skills, budgeting, and career development. Participants will be a part of an eight-week paid work experience opportunity with a Hillsborough County business. Youth participating in the program will be paid \$12.00 per hour and work a maximum of 30-hours per week. Youth participating in the other tracks will earn incentives on a bi-weekly basis based on completion of program activities. The participants first day of work and activities starts on June 14 and the program will run through August 7, 2021.

REPORTERS INTERESTED IN COVERING THE SUMMIT CONTACT DOUG TOBIN AT 813.538.5514 OR EMAIL TOBIND@CAREERSOURCETB.COM

About CareerSource Tampa Bay

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CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 173,319 services to 37,054 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during the program year 2019-2020. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers, is the single largest source of job candidates in the region, from entry-level to executive-level candidates.

Businesses can access CareerSource's wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit www.careersourcetampabay.com.

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