

Mayor Daley's Youth Ready Chicago ARRA Summer Jobs Program

Chicago Department of
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Program Highlights

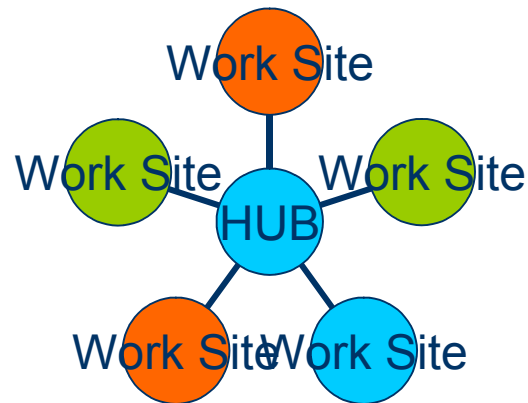
- **Successes of Program**
- **Brief Overview of Summer Program**
- **Challenges and Recommendations**

Success!

- **Youth Participants:** 7,800 (ARRA WIA Youth funded); 19,000 total (ARRA and non-ARRA funded summer work experiences)
- **Applications Received:** 75,000
- **Average Duration and Wage of Placement:** 6 weeks; 20 hours/week; \$8/hour
- **Total Hours Worked:** 1,000,000
- **Total Youth Wages:** \$10,000,000 (projected)

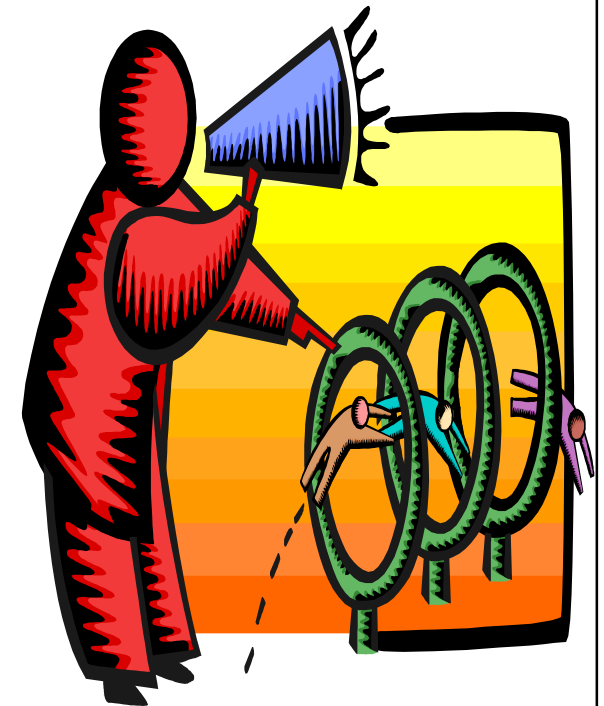
Program Model

- Much like the airport system, the Mayor Daley Youth Ready Chicago Summer Program under the Federal Stimulus will operate with:
 - **34 Hubs** – that managed and oversaw the summer youth program; and
 - **850 Spokes** (or in this case satellite/work sites) – that actually supervise youth and provide them with jobs and work experience.



HUBS

- **Hub agencies or contractors did the following:**
 - Recruited youth workers (ages 14-24)
 - Determined WIA eligibility of the youth including a pre & post assessment
 - Recruited worksites
 - Hired and trained youth supervisors (for worksites with more than ten youth workers)
 - Ensured youth complete their work readiness credential using Illinois workNet.com
 - Managed payroll and distribute all youth paychecks
 - Coordinated all supportive services youth might need
 - Monitored worksites
 - Administered youth performance evaluations
 - Tracked youth in IWDS System & City Span



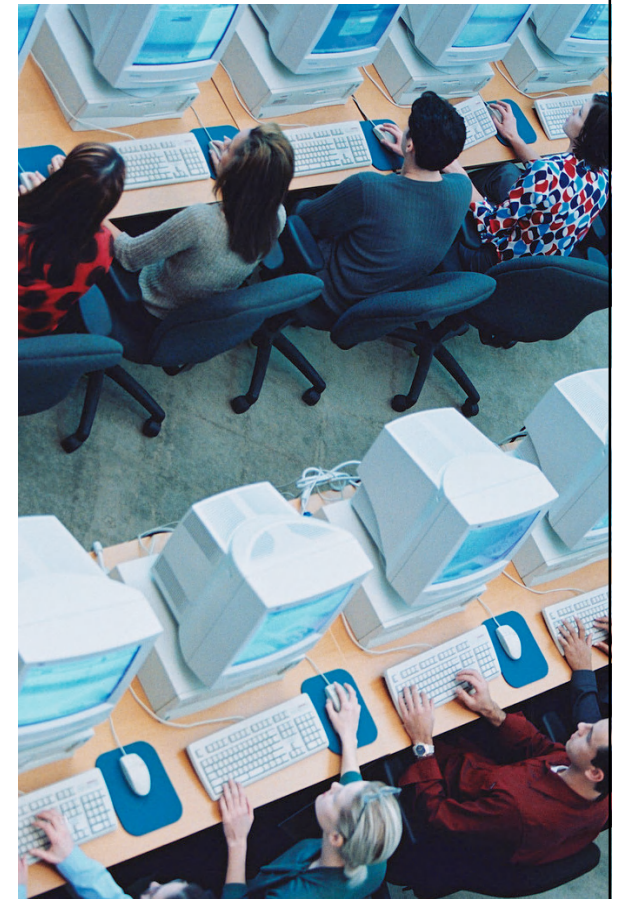
Who was a hub?

- Partners included sister agencies, WIA agencies, museums, community development organizations, community-based non-profit agencies, and faith-based organizations



Youth Ready Chicago Worksites

- **Job sites:** 850
- **200 private businesses, 280 non-profit organizations, 85 faith-based organizations, and 285 government agencies**
- **Private Businesses:** 50 food establishments, 35 retail businesses, 10 law firms, 20 financial/insurance firms, 5 hotels
- **Non-profit and public institutions:** 160 community and social development organizations, 90 programs for children and youth, 177 parks, 92 schools, 62 elected officials
- **Other specialized fields:** 20 arts/media organizations, 20 health-care related organizations, 17 colleges and universities, 10 landscaping/agriculture, 7 science/technology institutions.



Youth Ready Chicago

- City of Chicago provided:
 - On-going hub support & technical assistance
 - Training on WIA eligibility
 - Training on IWDS & City Span data collection systems
 - Hub liaison as a day-to-day contact
 - Hub full-day orientation
 - Monitoring of hub & program sites
 - Opportunities to share program successes

Overcoming Challenges

- **Proper Planning and Pacing**

December 8th

February 27th (Hub concept paper)

March 20th (WIA Notice No. 08-NOT-33)

March 23rd (Release of RFP)

March 30 (Bidders Conference)

April 13th (Submission Due)

End of April (Recommendations to Workforce Board)

April 29th – May 6th (Individual Meetings with Each Hub)

May (Contract negotiations, orientation, training, training)

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Overcoming Challenges

- **Education and Training**
 - Internal and External
- **Communication**
- **Program Requirements Under WIA**
 - Eligibility
 - Work Readiness
 - Monitoring
- **Data Collection and Use of System**
- **Program Quality**
- **Program Monitoring**
- **Program Reporting**
- **Program Expenditures**