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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
YOUTH@WORK ELEVATE



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Worksite Supervisor's Manual

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the County of Los Angeles Youth@Work Elevate Program! As a Worksite you are in a unique position to provide direction and training for the youth in our community. Youth participation will enable young people the opportunity to develop positive work habits, attitudes and job readiness skills.

Youth@Work Elevate provides work-based training for youth and young adults between the ages of 17 and 24. Our goal is to encourage youth to learn about the world of work, remain in school, and develop career goal interests. Through this program, youth will have the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to meet their present and future employment needs.

This manual is a general guide to help you understand the important commitment your organization has made in relation to the youth participating in the work experience and the Youth@Work Program. It also provides general information regarding processes and forms used in the operation of the program.

The \_\_\_\_\_ staff will provide you with further information and guidance and will remain available throughout the program to address any concerns or questions as they arise.

We appreciate your cooperation in connection our youth to the valuable world of work.

Sincerely,

Youth Agency Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth between the ages of 17-24 receive up to 20 hours of Personal Enrichment Training (PET) which includes: work readiness preparation, basic life skills, work ethics, career exploration including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related occupations and financial literacy.

After completion of the PET, youth are assigned to a real-world workplace for paid work experience. This handbook serves to provide your organization with guidelines on how to be a host worksite.

The program is designed to provide youth with limited work experience with an introduction to develop positive work habits and specific skills required for successful participation in the 21st Century workplace. In no way should a youth work experience assignment displace currently employed workers or impose on the promotional opportunities.

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA CHILD LABOR LAWS SUMMARY

The following information provides general guidance regarding allowable work activities for youth in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. There are many restrictions regarding the type of work minors cannot do. Please contact the Youth@Work program Representative if you are in doubt or have questions. There are laws that prohibit youth from doing dangerous work. Complete document can be located at:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/childlaborpamphlet2000.html>

Below is a summary:

### ***IN CALIFORNIA, NO WORKER UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MAY:***

- ❖ Drive a motor vehicle on public streets as part of a job.
- ❖ Drive a forklift.
- ❖ Use powered equipment like a circular saw, box crusher, meat slicer, or bakery machine.
- ❖ Work in wrecking, demolition, excavations or roofing.
- ❖ Work in logging or saw mills.
- ❖ Handle, serve, or sell alcoholic beverages.
- ❖ Work in area where there is exposure to radiation.

***Note: Youth@Work program Participants not work at casinos, gambling facilities, or work within bodies of water, including swimming pools, oceans, lakes, or rivers. No Youth@Work program Participant may work in liquor stores, tobacco stores, smoke shops, dispensaries, or in any capacity that may promote the consumption of alcohol or cannabis.***

### ***IN CALIFORNIA, NO WORKER 14 OR 15 YEARS OF AGE MAY:***

- ❖ Do any baking or cooking on the job (except cooking at a service counter).
- ❖ Work in a dry cleaning or a commercial laundry.
- ❖ Do building, construction or manufacturing work.
- ❖ Load or unload a truck, railroad car or conveyor.
- ❖ Work on a ladder or scaffold.

## WORK PERMITS

Work permits are required for all youth under 18 years of age. All original work permits shall be kept by the \_\_\_\_\_. The Worksite shall keep a copy of each work permit for their records.

## **WORK SCHEDULES**

The Worksite Supervisor shall explain and review the work schedule with the youth using the Worksite Expectations Review form. It is important to provide the youth with a copy of the work schedule and confirm that the youth understands the schedule. Any time a youth's work schedule changes, a new form should be completed, and a copy provided to the youth and the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **BREAKS AND LUNCH**

Under California Labor Code Section 512 a worker is entitled to, at a minimum, a 30-minute lunch break when the daily work schedule exceeds over six (6) hours and a 10-minute break for every four (4) hours worked.

## **WORKSITE MONITORING**

The County of Los Angeles requires that Youth@Work Program Worksites be monitored during the program year. \_\_\_\_\_ will regularly visit the worksite to review program activities and deal with questions and concerns of both youth and Worksite Supervisors.

In addition, worksites may be visited by staff of the County of Los Angeles, the State of California or the U.S. Department of Labor.

Monitoring will generally consist of observation of operations, review of program related documentation, such as work permits, safety and health preparedness, timecards, work readiness evaluations, and compliance with the Worksite Agreement. In addition, reviewers may interview the Worksite Supervisor and youth.

Remote worksites supervisors must have daily communication with the youth to confirm attendance and to ensure that youth take all required breaks as specified in local, state, and federal labor laws.

## **PROBLEMS ON THE JOB**

Worksite Supervisors are encouraged to discuss and resolve problems initially following their usual protocols. The \_\_\_\_\_ staff should be informed of any significant problems within four (4) hours of the occurrence and in particular if the issue involves safety. \_\_\_\_\_ staff may serve as mediators. Additionally, the \_\_\_\_\_ should be notified anytime there is an issue with the youth's overall work habits. However, if after the discussion, no progress has been made, it is the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ staff to help resolve the situation. Any concerns shall be noted on the Performance Evaluation and improvements as well. Should the issue continue, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ staff and theyouth will be relieved from the work assignment.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Youth@Work program youth have been advised to inform others (e.g., supervisors, coworkers, staff) when certain behavior makes them uncomfortable. Youth@Work Program youth will inform \_\_\_\_\_ staff if they believe they have been sexually harassed.

The Youth@Work Program considers sexual harassment as an unwelcome attention of a sexual nature. Sexual Harassment is harmful and it is illegal. Sexual touching, grabbing, pinching, or intentionally brushing up against someone in a sexual way can all be considered sexually harassing behavior. Comments, looks, teasing, and rumors can be forms of sexual harassment even if not intentional. Any perceived incident of sexual

harassment shall be reported to \_\_\_\_\_ staff within four (4) hours of occurrence but no later than twenty-four (24) hours.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

Youth@Work Program youth are protected from any kind of discrimination on the job and have been oriented on how to file a grievance.

## **GENERAL SAFETY RULES AND WORKSITE PROTOCOLS**

Each worksite shall provide youth with information on the organization's specific rules to ensure their safety in the workplace as part of the orientation. The following are some general rules that youth should follow, and worksites should incorporate into the health and safety information they provide to youth:

### ***EMERGENCY EXITS AND EVACUATION PLANS***

- ❖ *Youth shall be trained and able to articulate the safety evacuation plan and related protocols should an emergency arise.*

### ***INCIDENT REPORTING***

- ❖ *Report all accidents and/or injuries to your Supervisor immediately after the incident.*
- ❖ *Report any unsafe condition or potentially unsafe condition to your Supervisor.*

### ***LIFTING OR HANDLING OF MATERIALS***

- ❖ *Always seek help with lifting or moving very heavy objects.*
- ❖ *When lifting, use the large leg muscles, not the weak back muscles.*
- ❖ *Do not bend from the waist in any lifting activity.*
- ❖ *Always pull a hand truck or cart except when going down an incline.*
- ❖ *Push heavy objects; avoid pulling.*
- ❖ *Report all "potentially hazardous" spills to your Supervisor before attempting clean up.*

### ***PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT***

- ❖ *Wear appropriate protective equipment at all times where mandated by your Supervisor*

### ***ALWAYS...***

- ❖ *Avoid horseplay or any action that may endanger you or other people.*
- ❖ *Walk; do not run, when performing your work duties.*
- ❖ *Use a ladder or sturdy stool when reaching above your head. Do not stand on chairs, tables, boxes, etc.*

### ***HOUSEKEEPING***

- ❖ *Keep work areas clean and free from spills.*
- ❖ *Aisles, exits, electrical panels, and fire extinguishers shall be kept clear of barriers at all times.*

## **JOB INJURY PROCEDURES**

Any job injury, even a first aid type injury, shall be reported to \_\_\_\_\_ within twenty-four (24) hours.

## **TIME SHEET PROCEDURE**

Youth shall only work and be paid for the number of hours as authorized by \_\_\_\_\_ and indicated on the Review form. The Supervisor and the youth will keep a daily log of these hours on the time sheet provided by \_\_\_\_\_. Other time sheets/records may not be used. The youth and Worksite Supervisor will both sign the approved time sheet. The signatures indicate that both agree with the information on the time sheet.

### **Timesheet Requirements**

- ❖ Use a pen, typewriter, or computer. Pencil and correction fluid (white out) are prohibited. Any correction on the time sheet shall be initialed by both the Supervisor and the Youth.
- ❖ Both the Supervisor and the youth's signature are required. Both electronic and wet signature are acceptable.
- ❖ Signed time sheets may be emailed as PDF format to the agency.
- ❖ Time sheets that violate these rules will be sent back to the worksite for corrections. Payments will not be made on incorrect time sheets.
- ❖ The time sheet shall be signed and dated on or after the last day of work.
- ❖ The youth shall receive a copy of the completed and signed time sheet.
- ❖ Use standard time only. Do not use ditto marks or military time.
- ❖ No hours are to be entered for days the youth was absent.
- ❖ Youth are not paid for holidays.
- ❖ Youth may be eligible for sick leave under the Healthy Families Act of 2014.
- ❖ Please round off the time to the closest 1/4 hour (15 Minutes).
- ❖ Work time shall always be recorded after the work is performed.

## **SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENTS**

Effective July 1, 2015, the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 imposed new paid sick leave requirements on California employers. Under the new California law once an employee works 30 calendar days (full or part-time), an employer is required to provide an employee with at least one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked. In general, an employer must allow accrued paid sick leave to roll over to the next year. However, an employer may limit the use of paid sick leave in a year to 24 hours, or three (3) days, in each year of employment.

## **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

- ❖ Monthly Performance Evaluations (PE) shall be completed by the Worksite Supervisor and a final PE shall be completed at the end of the work experience.
- ❖ The Case Manager reviews and discusses the PE with the youth to review their strengths and weaknesses identified by the Worksite Supervisor on the PE.
- ❖ The Final PE will be reviewed with the youth before the last paycheck is issued.

## **1. ROLE OF THE WORKSITE SUPERVISOR**

Worksite Supervisors are employees of your organization that will directly supervise youth. It is imperative that youth be supervised at all times.

### **Worksite Supervisors are responsible for:**

- ❖ Adhere to all Youth@Work Program regulations and program-related \_\_\_\_\_ policies.

- ❖ Adhere to all requirements in the Worksite Checklist including but not limited to American's With Disabilities Act (ADA), Health and Safety (General, Fire, and Earthquake), Emergency & Evacuation Plan, Workplace Postings and work restrictions required by Child Labor Laws.  
*Note: All Worksite Checklist requirements shall be met before any youth can begin work.*
- ❖ Attend Worksite Supervisors orientation conducted by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Adhere to the authorized work hours indicated on the Worksite Expectations Review form.
- ❖ Comply with California and Federal Child Labor Laws (maximum hours, breaks, etc.) and acknowledge the penalties for violating Federal Child Labor Laws.
- ❖ Ensure all minors under the age of 18 have a valid Work Permit.
- ❖ Provide meaningful work experience designed to promote the development of positive work habits and specific skills required for successful participation in the workforce.
- ❖ Assure that this agreement will not displace currently employed worker(s) or impose on their promotional opportunities.
- ❖ Provide youth with an orientation to familiarize the youth with his/her duties, work hours, worksite expectations of what to do in case of an emergency and provide clear emergency and evacuation procedures.
- ❖ Complete Worksite Expectations Form per youth when there is a change in the Worksite schedule or location.
- ❖ Provide the youth with supervision at all times and a clear line of supervision and accountability. Remote worksite supervisor must be accessible to youth at all times and be in regular communication during work hours.
- ❖ Provide the \_\_\_\_\_ case manager with copy of signed Performance Evaluations and a final Performance Evaluation. Discuss any problems or conflicts that may arise from the youth's job performance immediately and review as part of the Performance Evaluation. Work with the \_\_\_\_\_ to resolve problems as they arise.
- ❖ Maintain accurate timecard records, verifying hours, and ensuring that timecards are signed by the youth and the supervisor prior to payment. Ensuring any timecard alterations, changes or corrections are initialed by the Supervisor and the youth (**THE USE OF WHITE OUT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**).
- ❖ Provide the youth with copies of signed timesheets and other program or work-related information as appropriate.
- ❖ Utilize only authorized timesheets which are provided by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Ensure that timesheets are consistent with \_\_\_\_\_ procedures it is not your responsibility to deliver the timesheets. It is the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up the timesheets in a timely manner.
- ❖ Give full consideration to the possibility of hiring the youth although there is no requirement to do so.
- ❖ Provide materials and equipment necessary to perform the duties of the work assignment.

## 2. ROLE OF THE YOUTH AGENCY

Prior to referring any youth to begin the work experience assignment the \_\_\_\_\_ shall ensure the worksite meets the requirements listed below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is available throughout the program to support the Worksite Supervisor(s) and youth engaged in program activities.

### Youth Agency is responsible for:

- ❖ Provide the worksite with Youth@Work Program regulations and program-related \_\_\_\_\_ policies.
- ❖ Verify the worksite is in compliance with requirements in the Worksite Checklist.  
*Note: All Worksite Checklist requirements shall be met before any youth can begin work.*
- ❖ Provide orientation to the Worksite Supervisors.
- ❖ Ensure that the worksite adheres to the authorized work hours indicated on the Worksite Expectations Review form.
- ❖ Ensure that the worksite adheres to the California and Federal Child Labor Laws (Maximum hours, breaks, etc.) and acknowledges the penalties for violating Federal Child Labor Laws.
- ❖ Ensure all minors under the age of 18 without a diploma have a valid Work Permit.
- ❖ Ensure that the worksite provides meaningful work experience consistent with the goals of the Youth@Work Program.
- ❖ Ensure that the worksite provides youth with an orientation to familiarize the youth with his/her duties, work hours, worksite expectations and what to do in case of an emergency and ensure clear emergency and evacuation procedures are in place.
- ❖ Ensure a Worksite Expectations Form is completed for each youth. If there is a change in the Worksite or Worksite schedule a new form must be completed for each youth.
- ❖ Assume the cost of wages and all appropriate benefits. \_\_\_\_\_ bears the responsibility for payment of Youth@Work program youth hours as indicated in the Worksite Expectations Form.
- ❖ Verify that the youth is supervised at all times and ensure youth is provided a clear line of supervision and accountability.
- ❖ Review and discuss the Performance Evaluations with the youth, and provide additional guidance for any needed improvements.
- ❖ Discuss any problems or conflicts that may arise from the youth's job performance immediately and review as part of the Performance Evaluation. Work with the Worksite to resolve problems as they arise.
- ❖ Maintain accurate timesheet records, verify hours, and ensure that timesheets are signed by the youth and the supervisor prior to payment. Ensure any timecard alterations, changes or corrections are initialed by the Supervisor and the youth (**THE USE OF WHITE OUT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**).
- ❖ Ensure that the worksite provides the youth with copies of signed timesheets and other program or work-related information as appropriate.
- ❖ Ensure the worksite utilizes only authorized timesheets.



- ❖ Pick up the timesheets of the youth in a timely manner. Issue paychecks to the youth according to verified time records and agency payroll procedures.
- ❖ Ensure the worksite provides materials and equipment necessary to perform the duties of the work assignment.
- ❖ Maintain a copy of the Worksite Expectations Review, Worksite Agreement, job description, all submitted timesheets, and other relevant forms for a minimum of three (3) years for audit purposes.
- ❖ Provide ongoing, oversight of the Youth@Work Program and supportive services to the youth.
- ❖ Provide all Youth@Work program youth with an orientation, explaining the program's purpose, procedures and rules and also an overview of what to expect at the worksite.
- ❖ Ensure liability and accident coverage of youth during authorized work hours through workers' compensation as provided by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Provide Worksite Supervisors with appropriate written materials: Supervisor Manual, timesheets, performance evaluations, and a copy of Worksite Agreement.

#### **APPENDIX FORMS**

*Agency shall insert forms to be used by Worksite Supervisors. These will include Worksite Agreement, Worksite Expectations Review, Time Sheets, Performance Evaluations, and other Youth@Work Elevate Program related forms.*

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