County to repeat summer youth employment program

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RACINE - The Racine County Workforce Development Center is accepting applications for its 2010 summer youth employment and training program, called E3 (Employ, Enrich, Engage).

County Executive William McReynolds said last year's E3 program received regional and national notice and approval.

This year, the Center and its partners will provide summer employment opportunities for 100 to 150 Racine County youth ages 14-24. Applications will be accepted from youths seeking work experience and from employers wanting to host participants.

New this year is an intensive two-week summer school course delivered by Racine Unified School District to help youths learn skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Students can earn 0.25 to 0.5 high school credits, and some may be able to earn up to 15 University of Wisconsin-Parkside continuing education credits. During the course work period, eligible participants will be paid a stipend.

Course work will be followed by six weeks of work experience and ongoing training in the areas of green jobs and construction work. During that phase, eligible participants can earn $7.25 to $10.00 an hour. Employers and youths interested in this year's E3 program can log on to http://www.wdc.racineco.com to learn more and submit an application. Youth applications are also available at the Workforce Development Center, 1717 Taylor Ave., or 380 McCanna Parkway, Burlington. All participant and employer applications must be received by 5 p.m. May 14.

For questions regarding the application process, call (262) 638-6424. All other questions should be directed to Evan Witalison at (262) 638-6528.