

FACT SHEET

about jobs for youth...



OUR CHALLENGE:

- In 2002, more than 5 million youth nationwide, between the ages of 16 and 24 years old, were reportedly out-of-school and jobless. In Chicago, that number has soared to nearly 100,000.
- More than 70% of the young people unemployed are either African-American or Hispanic.
- Studies show that the majority of unemployed youth lack a high school diploma or GED and live in impoverished urban neighborhoods.

OUR MISSION:

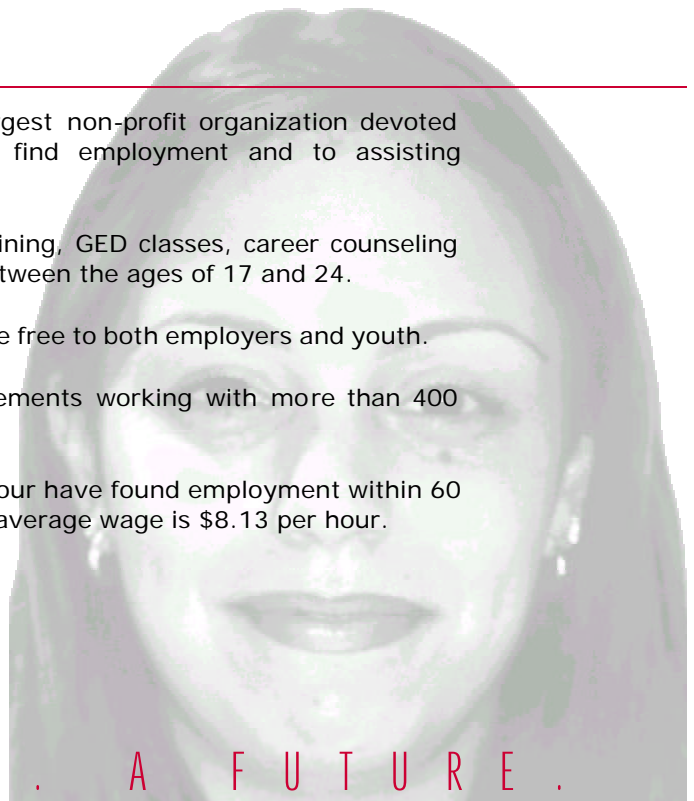
Since 1979, Jobs For Youth Chicago has made it their mission to help young men and women from low-income families become a part of the economic mainstream and, in the process, provide the business community with motivated job-ready workers.

OUR VISION:

To become a nationally recognized leader in addressing youth employment through demonstrated best practices.

OUR WORK:

- Jobs For Youth remains the city's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to helping young people find employment and to assisting companies meet hiring needs.
- JFY offers work readiness/life skills training, GED classes, career counseling and job placement services to youth between the ages of 17 and 24.
- Our programs and services are available free to both employers and youth.
- Last year, JFY made over 1,000 placements working with more than 400 Chicago-area employers.
- Of clients JFY has placed, three out of four have found employment within 60 days of completing our Workshop. The average wage is \$8.13 per hour.



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