

The Commonwealth Corporation has awarded funds to BAWIB to implement a professional development for front-line workers serving vulnerable youth.

Commonwealth Corporation, with full support from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, has created the P 21 Professional Youth Worker Credential (PYWC) to:

1. Improve program quality by strengthening partnerships that increase smart use of resources within a region or community, and
2. Develop the workforce through access to higher education, career advancement, and quality professional development for staff serving vulnerable youth, which utilizes a core competency-based approach and offers targeted curriculum specific to the needs of vulnerable youth within a region.

Through a 13-month curriculum, the P 21 PYWC combines 50 hours of training and 2 credit-bearing college courses to create a common, competency-based curriculum for youth workers from partner agencies.

The program was originally to begin this past spring but was rescheduled for a September 2009 start date.

Please see the attached flyer, and please distribute it freely.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

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Announces the

Brockton Area* P21 Professional Youth Worker Credential Program

“I think that it is an amazing program that pushes you out of your comfort zone. It makes you challenge yourself and think differently about yourself—your strengths and weaknesses. It betters you as a youth worker, which I think is a great opportunity.”

--Hampden County PYWC Program graduate

Youth Workers: Do you...

- Have an interest in being a part of a group of youth workers who are committed to professional growth, seek academic advancement, and are focused on meeting the needs of vulnerable youth?
- Wish to further develop your skills and stay in the field?
- Have interest in incorporating learning on the job?
- Not have a college degree?
- Possess a 2 or 4-year degree in a field unrelated to youth work?
- Have the time and commitment to complete competency-based training sessions and 2 credit-bearing college courses, at no cost to you?
- Have an interest in increasing your earning potential?

Program graduates will earn:

*Local Workforce Investment Board Certificate

*Statewide P21 Professional Youth Worker Credential

*Nationally recognized BEST Youth Worker Certificate

*Portable college credits

To access application materials, please go to:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229BQHAEXUC>

Want to learn more about the program elements before applying? Register to attend one of two upcoming one hour webinars:

- Register to attend the July 22nd, 12:30-1:30 p.m. webinar: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=jtgsz>
- Register to attend the August 5th, 9:00-10:00 a.m. webinar: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=jtgsh>

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Application Deadline: No Later than 4:00 pm on Friday, August 14, 2009

***Direct-service youth workers whose work site is located in the following towns/regions qualify to apply:**

Brockton - Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Whitman

South Coastal - Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham, Hollbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Middleborough, Milton, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth