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ABCD Summer Jobs Available for 2,000 Teens, Young Adults!

Apply Now for Paid Summer Jobs, Career Development, Skills Training, Financial Education Programs at ABCD

If you are 14 to 24-years-old, income eligible and need a summer job, call ABCD today! Federal economic stimulus funds plus state funding and private fundraising initiatives make it possible for ABCD to hire approximately 2,000 youngsters this summer, up from 1,000 teens last year.

ABCD SummerWorks applications are available at local ABCD neighborhood sites. Call 617-348-6548 or log onto www.bostonabcd.org to find a site near you.

SummerWorks enrollees work in hospitals, health centers, museums, community programs, day camps, government agencies, child care centers, and other non-profit sites. They also participate in work-readiness, career development and financial education programs and receive mentoring and tutoring.

ABCD SummerWorks is part of Mayor Thomas Menino's summer jobs initiative for Boston and has provided opportunities for at-risk Boston youth since 1965. Those served by ABCD are the most at-risk young people in the city – all come from low-income, inner-city families. For example, a family of four must earn \$28,605 or less for a youngster to qualify for SummerWorks.

"We are very glad that federal and state funding and the generosity of donors enables us to put more disadvantaged young people to work this year," said ABCD President/CEO Bob Coard. "However there are still not enough jobs to meet the needs. Last year we had 4,000 applications."

Coard noted that SummerWorks provides important work and career experience and gets teenagers off the street and engaged in positive pursuits. "It's a win-win program," he said.

About ABCD:

ABCD serves more than 100,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs), Head Start centers, Family Planning sites and Foster Grandparent sites. Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Head Start; Child Care Services; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High – an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high

school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; Food Pantries in several Boston neighborhoods; management of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign (COBECC) and City of Boston Employees Charitable Campaign (COBECC); advocacy and consumer services.

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