

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

OVERALL GOAL: *Develop a comprehensive, coordinated network of services to enable WIA eligible youth to achieve financial independence through employment by obtaining education and skills that are in demand in the labor market of today and in the future.*

Goals for 2011 - 2012

Objective 1: *Increase opportunities for out-of-school youth to access career information and skills training*

- To expand the two (2) Youth One-Stop's outreach to other municipalities in Middlesex County.
- Continue to develop a general recruitment strategy to assist youth programs in finding eligible out-of-school youth.
- Continue to monitor and improve the service delivery system for youth through collaboration and cooperation among all appropriate agencies and institutions.
- Ensure the development and distribution of information regarding assets/resources/services available to out-of-school youth and their parents
- Strengthen linkages among workforce development and juvenile justice agencies and institutions

Objective 2: *Decrease the dropout rate for high school students to ensure a more productive workforce and self-sustaining individuals.*

- Provide secondary schools with accurate career information.
- Enhance linkages with high schools and the guidance counselors and the school based program personnel where applicable
- Financially support the production of the NCADD anti-dropout play, FADE, so twelve (12) high schools can see the play during the 2011-2012 school year.

Objective 3: *Increase opportunities for out-of-school youth to interact directly with employers*

- Organize networks of employers for both employment opportunities and feedback on needs.
- Develop opportunities with employers to expose youth to options and opportunities they might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.
- Actively develop employment opportunities for out-of-school youth.