



CAREERSOURCE RESEARCH COAST



St. Lucie County Youth Employment Program

CareerSource Research Coast · St. Lucie County · Summer 2026



In partnership with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

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We have provided an unparalleled opportunity for these teenagers to emerge as well-rounded, capable, and conscientious members of the workforce.

— **Brian Bauer, CEO/President, CareerSource Research Coast**

Each summer, CareerSource Research Coast partners with St. Lucie County to open doors for St. Lucie County students who might otherwise spend their summer without direction, income, or opportunity. Summer of Success turns potential into performance — one work site at a time.

THE YOUTH JOURNEY: FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER

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Orientation & Training

Youth complete an immersive classroom experience covering professional etiquette, communication, phone skills, financial literacy, and workforce soft skills.



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Employer Matching

Each participant is matched to one of 20 worksites spanning government, environmental, arts, healthcare, nonprofits, and more.



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Real Work Experience

Youth spend 4 - 5 weeks on-site, earning real paychecks and solving real-world challenges alongside professionals.



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Skills & Outcomes

Participants leave with documented work history, alongside soft workplace habits like schedule management, professional communication, and problem-solving





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Work Sites Activated



16 – 21

Ages of Youth Served



6+

Career Fields Explored



100%

Pre-Work Skills
Training Completed



\$ Financial Responsibility in Action

Many participants indicated they would save their first paycheck, a strong indicator of the financial mindset this program cultivates.

🛡️ Employer Satisfaction

Work site supervisors commended youth for engagement, punctuality, and professionalism, qualities that define workforce-ready candidates.

“ *This is not just a summer job program. It is a career launch pad.* ”

Serving the Community — **Where Youth Showed Up**

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YOUTH SERVICES



Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

Participants mentored youth, supported programming, Human resources, accounting, and built leadership skills arriving on time, every day.

GOVERNMENT



St. Lucie County Government

Youth navigated real public-sector operations, learning responsibility, civic values, and administrative skills firsthand.

ENVIRONMENT



OxBow Eco Center Fort Pierce, FL

Hands-on environmental stewardship connected youth with Florida's natural landscape while building teamwork and curiosity.



★ ARTS & MEDIA

E.N.D. IT! Arts & Theater

Youth explored creative careers through theater production, lighting, photography, costumes, and stage management serving Fort Pierce's arts community.



👤 HOSPITALITY

Customer Service & Hospitality

Front-facing roles built the communication skills, confidence, and professionalism that will carry these youth through every future career.



🔧 FACILITIES

Maintenance & Facilities

Physical, hands-on work instilled dependability, safety consciousness, and deep pride in maintaining the spaces that serve everyone.



🏥 Healthcare

Healthcare

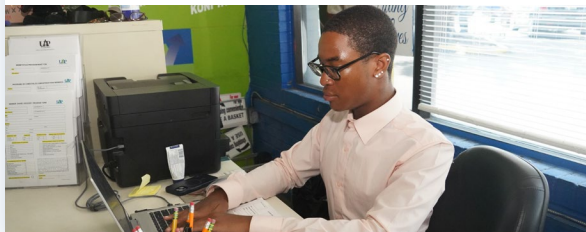
Hands-on exposure to the healthcare industry while learning about compassionate patient care, teamwork, and professional workplace skills.

SKILLS BUILT THIS SUMMER



Professional Communication

From phone etiquette to workplace writing, youth mastered how to speak, listen, and communicate with confidence in real environments.



Punctuality & Reliability

Employers praised participants for showing up on time, every day — the most foundational habit of every successful career.



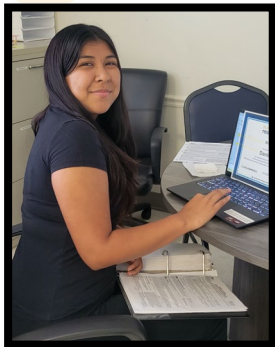
Teamwork & Collaboration

Cross-sector teams and diverse environments taught youth how to contribute meaningfully toward shared goals.



Financial Literacy

Many earned their first paychecks, and most chose to save, demonstrating remarkable real-world financial awareness.



Problem-Solving

Real workplace challenges replaced textbook exercises, pushing youth to think critically and adapt under pressure.



Professional Identity

Participants left with a work history, a resume foundation, and the self-assurance of someone who has already proven themselves.

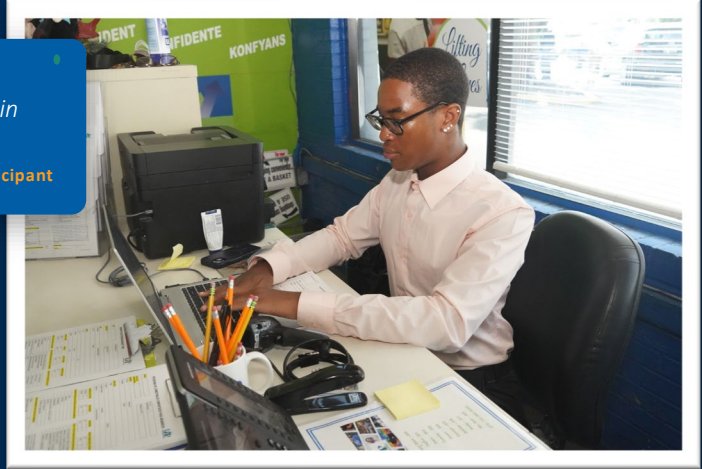


IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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"I learned to step out of my comfort zone, develop new skills, and discover what I want to do in the future. I met incredible people along the way."

— Donald Isiah, Summer of Success Participant



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"The teens were very engaged this year. They demonstrated a commitment to showing up on time and working hard while learning work strategies and problem-solving skills."

—Sean Mitchell, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

