

2017 Kenosha County Summer Youth Employment Program



This program represents a successful public-private partnership between Kenosha County, the Kenosha Unified School District, Boys & Girls Club, Community Impact Programs and our mentoring worksites in the community.

2017 Program Highlights



- 2017 marks the ninth successful year of the Summer Youth Employment Program
- 243 at-risk youth worked 20 hours a week for eight weeks.
- Over 24,000 hours were worked during the program
- 108 in-school youth participating in the program received $\frac{1}{2}$ credit towards High School graduation through KUSD
- 53 Youths obtained unsubsidized employment during or upon completion of the program. The highest number in the history of the program

Skills Developed through Work Experience

**Youth Ages 14-21
gained work
experience skills
through working in
the following fields:**

- Landscaping
- Food preparation
- Hair Stylist
- Construction
- Customer Service
- Sales
- Child Care
- Custodian
- Elder Care
- Receptionist
- Factory Labor
- Warehouse Management



Graduation Credit

The educational component of the program allow students to earn $\frac{1}{2}$ credit towards high school graduation through KUSD. The educational portion included:

- All in-school youth employed through the Summer Employment Program took part in the classes during the first week of the program at Reuther Central High School
- In addition to completing the 12 hours of classroom instruction, KUSD again required that each youth also complete 60 hours of employment to earn the $\frac{1}{2}$ credit.



What youth learned During their Classroom Sessions...

During the educational component of the program, youth were introduced to:

- Money and Banking
- Social Skills
- Customer Service Training
- Higher Education Opportunities
- Resume Writing and Mock Interviews
- Career Clusters and Interests
- Career Development and Job Seeking Skills
- Guest Speaker from the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha discussed applying, interviewing, and gaining employment



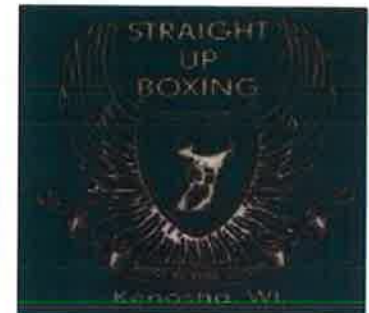
Program Worksites

36 total worksites

- 4 Not-for-Profit agencies
- 22 Private companies
- 10 Government agencies (includes school worksites)

New private worksites for 2017 included:

- Sugar Boxx
- Yutka Fence
- Arians
- Guttormson's Recreation Center
- Straight Up Boxing
- Colloseum Games
- Firehouse Performance



All Participating Worksites...

- Kenosha County Parks – Petrifying Springs
- Kenosha County Parks – Fox River Park
- Kenosha Literacy Council
- Visko TeePak
- Boys & Girls Club Administration
- Kenosha Kingfish
- Popeye's Louisiana Chicken
- Bradford High School
- Tremper High School
- Indian Trail Academy/ High School
- KUSD Middle Schools
- Springwood Restaurant
- Baker's St. Restaurant
- Greater Mt. Hebron Church
- Colosseum Games
- Yutka Fence
- Waters Edge Senior Living
- Guttormson's Recreation Center
- Urban Outreach
- Kenosha Unified School District – Finance
- Kenosha Unified School District – Billing
- Chuck's Celebrity Barber
- Smooth Cuts
- City of Kenosha – Waste Division
- City of Kenosha – Streets Division
- Straight Up Boxing
- Ariens
- Top Choice Rentals
- Sugar Boxx
- Youth Employment in the Arts
- Franky D's Pizzeria
- Victoria's Catering
- LeFe Café
- Westosha Senior Center
- Strobe's Flower Cart
- Firehouse Performance

Youth Employment in the Arts

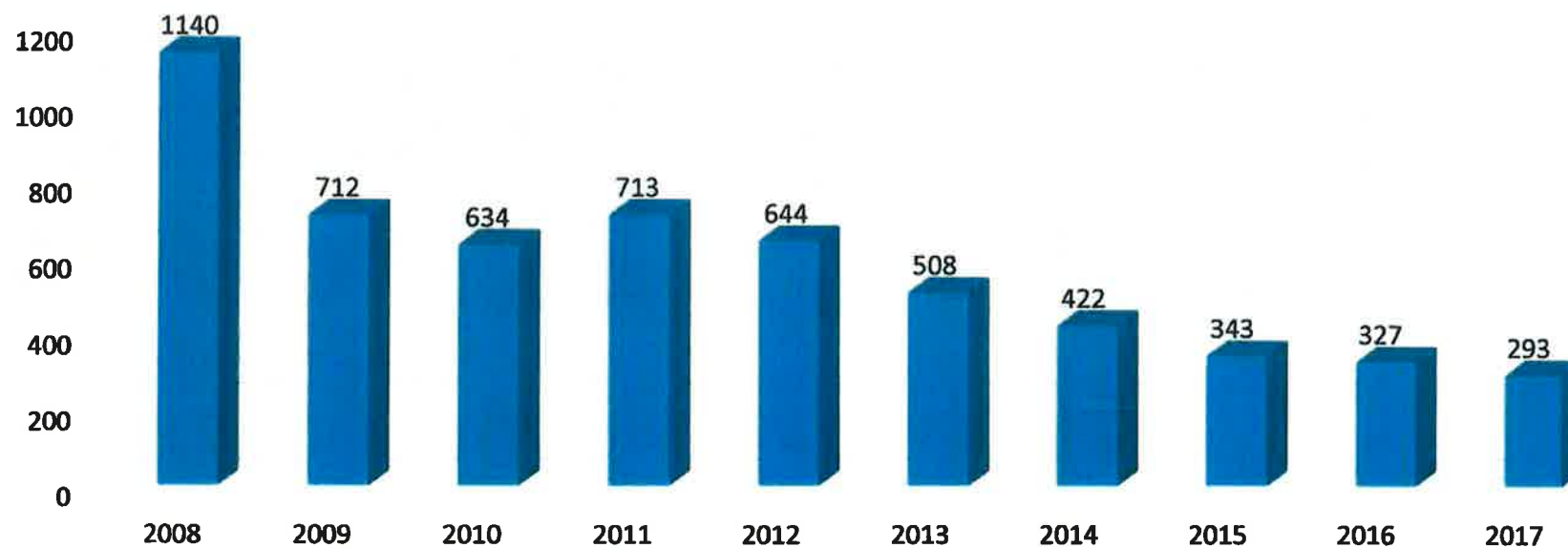
The Youth Employment in the Arts program allows youth 14 & 15 years old an opportunity to work on art projects for the community.

Youth created a mural that included all of the Kenosha County High School mascots which is displayed at the Kenosha County Job Center and a mosaic depicting the national flags of students attending Gateway Technical College which is displayed outside Gateway's Multi-Cultural Center.



Year	Total Juvenile Arrests	% Decrease from 2008	Number of Youth Employed	Year to Year Change
2008	1140			
2009	712	-37%	296	-48%
2010	634	-44%	214	-11%
2011	713	-37%	191	12%
2012	644	-44%	210	-10%
2013	508	-55%	213	-22%
2014	422	-63%	242	-17%
2015	343	-70%	225	-19%
2016	327	-72%	206	-5%
2017	293	-74%	243	-10%

City of Kenosha Youth Arrests May 1-August 31 2017



*2008 last year without the Summer Youth Employment Program

Extra Opportunities for Outstanding Performance



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- Youth performing at an outstanding level were given the opportunity to earn extra money again this year by working additional hours at special events throughout the community.
 - Special Events included:
 - Harbor Park Jazz and Blues Festival
 - National Night Out
 - KLC Laps for Literacy

Participant Experience

“I was able to show the kind of worker I **could be by having this job over the summer and was hired because of that at the end of the summer.”**

KW – Youth worker

Special thanks to County Executive Jim Kreuser and the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors for all of their efforts in serving at-risk youth of Kenosha County through their support of the Summer Youth Employment Program

