



## **TANF SUMMER PROGRAM PROJECT Youth Services**

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For the period of  
June 2020 - July 2020

## **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**

### **PURPOSE**

Despite declines in the teen birth rate over the last 20 years, teen pregnancy remains a problem. Of the six counties we serve (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns), 50% have a higher teen pregnancy rate than the state and national rates. To address this problem, CareerSource Northeast Florida would like to collaborate with community organizations to implement a Pregnancy Prevention program designed to prevent and reduce the rates of teen pregnancy throughout our six-county region. The purpose of this collaboration is to accomplish the following goals:

- Support the TANF purpose of reducing the number of out-of-wedlock pregnancies through summer youth initiatives; and
- To provide supportive services to prevent teen pregnancy

CareerSource Northeast Florida relies on the theory of Positive Youth Development as a valuable tool in reducing unwanted pregnancies among the teen population. Positive Youth Development is an intentional, pro-social approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youth's strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths (Office of Adolescent Health, HHS).

Recognizing youth strengths and encouraging positive social behaviors is an integral part of every Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program funded by CareerSource Northeast Florida. The prevention message may or may not be delivered implicitly; the focus is on encouraging planning for a future for the youth that includes cultural enrichment, experiential learning, and leadership development.

CareerSource Northeast Florida is interested in soliciting organizations that would like to expand their current programs by offering summer youth programs to the community at off-the-shelf pricing to support our efforts. The anticipated funding available for these efforts is to be spent by July 31, 2020. We would like to provide these services in all six counties to youth ages 14 through 19 (*if youth turns 14 by program start date, they may be eligible*). The services provided through this program, the costs for those services, and the number of youth to be served, will vary based on the responses received,



availability to serve youth this summer and will be selected based on funding availability and those that most closely match our program needs.

In compliance with the Stevens Amendment:

CareerSource Northeast Florida is the direct service provider for various workforce programs, which are fully supported, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture and other agencies as part of awards totaling \$ 20.5 million (revised annually). All statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, public statements, social media, toolkits, resource guides and visual presentation are fully funded with federal money.

**Next Steps: Complete the questionnaire at the link below:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthsvcs2020>

If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Bryant, Director of Youth Services at 904-213-3800 ext. 2176 or rbryant@careersourcenefl.com