

Community Jobs Program

Participants Served: 200

Annual Budget: \$1.16 million

Year Started: 1998



Purpose: To help participants transition from public assistance to self sufficiency.

Desired outcomes: For welfare to work and low income residents to obtain employment experience.

Key components: CJP is a transitional jobs program for welfare-to-work participants which increases a participant's employability through a 6 - 9 months work experience at a community non-profit agency. The 27- or 33-hours per week work experience assignment is determined by the

participant's vocational goal and provides an opportunity for basic and occupational skills acquisition. The host/work experience site provides daily supervision with on-going monitoring. Simultaneously, participants receive five hours per week of classroom GED preparation or professional development/computer skills training. Job search and placement services are provided to participants to transition them into an unsubsidized job. Career advisors also assist participants with addressing barriers to employment such as domestic violence or housing instability.