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Everett, Washington, September 24, 2009--- You may have seen yesterday's AP article about the stimulus-funded summer jobs program for youth: [Stimulus Watch: Teens lack jobs despite job effort](#).

We are happy to say that here in Snohomish County, **the summer jobs program was a success.**

- 223 young people aged 16-24 worked in paid internships
- 127 worksites, including private companies, government agencies, local nonprofits and community college work-and-learn projects
- Students learned work skills in many areas, such as the construction trades, habitat restoration in urban green belts, website design, technology and communication, salvage of construction materials, customer service and much more.

Curtis Freeman is a prime example of the successful Summer Youth program. Freeman was enrolled in the program and placed with the Rubbish Truck, a household rubbish removal company. Since the program ended, Freeman has been offered and accepted a full-time Foreman position. This position offers Freeman the leadership and responsibility skills to last him a lifetime. Freeman is very excited about the opportunities that the Summer Youth program has provided for him

The [Workforce Development Council Snohomish County](#) oversaw \$743,713 in stimulus funds for youth jobs this summer.

Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC)

WDCSC invests government and private funding to continuously increase the global competitiveness and prosperity of county workforce and businesses, fill current and emerging jobs, and provide full employment. Investments are made through effective business, labor, community-based, educational, and service provider organizations for the opportunity, economic well-being, and benefit of our entire community.

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