Expanding Low-Income Summer Youth Employment

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State of Working Connecticut 2014
Five years after the official end of the Great Recession, Connecticut workers continue to face an economy with few jobs, falling wages, and rising inequality. This report identifies the disproportionate impact of the weak economy on young, minority, and less educated workers as a warning sign for the future economic vitality of the state.
http://www.ctvoices.org/blog/20140902/state-working-connecticut-interactive-graph

Summer as an Opportunity for Youth Employment
http://practicemakesperfect.org/2014/03/28/summer-as-an-opportunity-for-youth-employment/
Practice Makes Perfect is an innovative 501(c)(3) education organization that partners with communities to create quality summer learning opportunities for inner-city youth from elementary school through college matriculation. Through a holistic enrichment experience, students master concepts from our curricula that focuses on targeted skill development.

Expanding Summer Employment Opportunities for Low-Income Youth
http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2014/06/19-summer-employment-opportunities-low-income-youth
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Work-related summer activities could foster skill development, education and economic success of low-income youth aged 16 to 19, argues this proposal. As part of a broader strategy to relieve poverty, the federal government should make grants to state and local governments to work with local community-based organizations to expand summer programs. The Hamilton Project, an economic initiative at The Brookings Institution, produces research and policy proposals on how to create a growing economy that benefits more Americans.

Grads of Life
A new national campaign focused on Opportunity Youth, funded by Kellogg, Annie E. Casey, and JP Morgan Chase Foundation (and others.)
www.GradsofLife.org

Small Biz Support Our Youth
An initiative of Small Business Majority, a national small business organization, to create meaningful opportunities for the nation’s youth.
www.smallbizsupportouryouth.com

New Opportunities to Improve Economic and Career Success for Low-Income Youth and Adults
A report from Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success at CLASP