

Summer Youth Employment Program to serve 245

Jobs average 30 hours each week, with emphasis on work experience and on-the-job training situations.

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is to provide services to youth most in need-the economically disadvantaged, school drop-outs, youth not likely to return to school without assistance from the Summer Program, and youth who remain in school but are likely to confront significant employment barriers related to work attitude, aptitude, social adjustments and other such factors.

During the middle of the program, the participants are provided with labor market orientation which include infor-

mation on vocational exposure and career counseling on a group and one-to-one basis. The number of positions allocated for the whole AVCP/CALISTA Region is two hundred forty five (245). Villages are awarded positions according to good worksites where the youth will learn from experience-more likely on-the-job training. Typical jobs that the youth have in the past been placed are: City Office-assisting the City Clerk, Health Clinic-assisting the Health Aides, Native Stores-stockers and cashiers, within the schools: renovating classrooms, janitorial helpers,

Libraries-assisting the librarians, Day Care Centers and Prematernal Home.

The major barriers is that youth participants cannot be placed in a Private-Profit business. Also, participating youth must be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Alaskan Native, 14-21 years of age and economically disadvantaged.

Youth participants work 30 hours a week at 60 hours a day and the wage is \$3.50 per hour. The program runs from June 2, 1980 to August 15, 1980. Some villages may start in May depending upon the availability of good worksites.

For all worksites within the village, there is an agreement between the worksite supervisor and the Village Administrator - AVCP Employment & Training's Contact Person. And there is an agreement between the Contact Person and AVCP Employment & Training-the grantor of CETA positions.

Since SYEP is a short program, youth counselors are constantly traveling, administering and monitoring segments of the program. Therefore, full cooperation is appreciated from participating villages.