

Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps 2009-2012 Results

\$20M in Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, \$2.5M in Major Opportunities funding, and \$3.1M in UI P&I funding for the four year program

Results:

- 4658 Indiana Youth Employed
- 79% successfully completed a minimum of 8 weeks
- 26.7% enrolled or continued post-secondary education
- 19.8% attained job (full-time or part-time)

In May 2009, Governor Daniels established the Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps (YHCC) to provide valuable summer work experiences to low income youth with barriers to employment. In 2011, DWD modified the YHCC program to focus on providing construction related work experiences to young adults.

Youth worked May-October (16-24 weeks) and were paid \$8.50 to \$11.25 per hour. Youth participated in safety training and orientation. The orientation included career pathways presentations from partner staff, and a review of workplace policies. The program emphasized WorkOne services and transition of YHCC youth into employment, education, and WorkOne services.

DNR employed 3778 youth over the four year period. The youth worked at State Parks, Forests, Fish and Wildlife Center and other DNR sites. The YHCC participants constructed miles of new trails, repaired and maintained

existing trails, constructed new buildings, repaired existing structures, removed thousands of acres of invasive species, and assisted with daily operations at the properties. **US DOL identified Indiana's YHCC program as an exemplary Summer Youth Employment Program due to the provision of green jobs and comprehensive program monitoring.**

In addition, INDOT employed 853 during the three summers from 2010 to 2012. Youth worked in highway maintenance, equipment maintenance, building and grounds maintenance, and administrative work. **INDOT hired numerous YHCC youth as seasonal workers and 33 youth into full-time positions paying \$11.30-\$14.00 per hour.**

Twenty-seven youth worked with the National Guard during the three summers from 2010 to 2012 at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy in Knightstown. The youth assisted with building renovations, grounds maintenance, IT and administrative tasks.

YHCC provided 4,658 youth the opportunity to earn a paycheck, gain valuable work experience, and learn new skills while benefiting the citizens of Indiana through improvements at DNR properties and state highways.

	Participants	Completed 8 weeks	Post-Secondary Enrollment	Employment (FT/PT)
2009	1896	1433 (75%)	348	304
2010	1994	1616 (81%)	549	450
2011	379	327 (86%)	166	87
2012	389	324 (83%)	181	81
Total	4658	3700 (79%)	1244	922