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**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
YOUTH WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

**Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training
Community Based Services Division
St. Paul, Minnesota**

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In Accordance with
Minnesota Statutes 268.551 to 268.552**

YOUTH WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Youth Wage Subsidy Program is authorized by MN Statutes 268.551 to 268.552, Subd. 3. The program provides at-risk youth with opportunities for gaining a high-school diploma, exploring occupations, evaluating vocational options, receiving career and life skills counseling, developing and pursuing personal goals, and participating in summer youth employment and community-based projects during the school year.

The Youth Wage Subsidy Program is delivered throughout the state in coordination with the IIB Program funded under the Job Training Partnership Act and the Minnesota Youth Program.

Funding Source

The Youth Wage Subsidy Program was funded at a level of \$250,000 from July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993.

Participants are placed in private and public sector jobs. Subsidies are paid for part-time and full-time jobs in the amount of \$4 per hour for wages and \$1 per hour for fringe benefits. The subsidy for a participant may be paid for a maximum of 1,040 hours over a period of 26 weeks. Employers are encouraged to use money from other sources to provide increased wages to participants that they employ. It is projected that approximately 230 at-risk youth will be served through June 30, 1993.

Participant Eligibility

To participate in the program, an individual must:

- be a resident of Minnesota for at least one month;
- be unemployed;
- not be receiving and is not eligible to receive unemployment compensation;
- be between the ages of 14 and 21;
- be at-risk.

Program Statistics indicate that participants enrolled in the program include youth who are:

- teen parents (including pregnant teen)
- limited English proficiency
- potential dropouts (in-school)
- juvenile offender/diversion program
- receiving public assistance and/or group home services
- handicapped
- dropouts
- homeless
- chemically dependent/children of drug or alcohol users

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