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Summer JAM 2021 accepting youth applications

Erie, PA – Erie County and the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) are now accepting applications for youth age 16-21 to participate in the 2021 Summer Jobs and More (Summer JAM) Program. Fifty-two employers (31 profit and 21 nonprofit) have signed up to participate in the program, which is entering its eighth year.

Interested youth must submit application packets by Friday, June 4. Applications can be found at <https://www.gecac.org/work/employment-and-income/summer-jam>.

Participating youth will work for eight weeks, June 21 – Aug. 13, for an average of 22.5 hours a week. Employer specifications, geographic proximity and availability of reliable transportation are taken into consideration when matching youth with employers.

Orientation will take place virtually via Zoom on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 15: City of Erie Youth – Mayor Joe Schember, guest speaker
- Wednesday, June 16: Corry/Union City
- Thursday, June 17: Girard/Harbor Creek/Other

Orientation will feature training, activities and guest speakers – including representatives from Gannon University, Erie Insurance and Widget Financial – with a focus on financial literacy, soft skills, how to be successful at the job, and job safety.

“Summer JAM is a wonderful program that provides youth an opportunity to gain job readiness training, career exploration, and employment opportunities in Erie County,” said Gary N. Lee, director of administration for the County of Erie.

Summer JAM is a collaborative effort between Erie County government, Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority, The Erie Community Foundation, and other supportive individuals and organizations.

Because of the pandemic, GECAC has implemented an appropriate strategy, and the Erie County Department of Health has provided a COVID-19 safety training.

For more information, contact GECAC at summerjam@gecac.org or 814-897-6571.

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