

SUMMER17

June 26, 2017-
August 25, 2017

Youth Employment & Mentorship program pairs area youth & businesses for nine-week, on-the-job training.

OBJECTIVE

Summer17 seeks to provide youth with on-the-job training that sets the stage for life-long careers, opens doors to new industries, and provides mentorship critical to building professional networks. Youth will be placed in a variety of jobs to allow understanding of the impact of the nature of the work on outcomes.

HISTORY

In **2016**, Michigan Works! and Washtenaw County launched a pilot program of Summer17. 26 business employed and mentored 50 youth who gained meaningful work experience and income over the summer.

In **2017**, Poverty Solutions and The Ginsberg Center at the University of Michigan (U-M), partnered with Washtenaw County and Michigan Works! to expand youth employment and enrichment opportunities by providing jobs to youth on the U-M campus and conducting a study about the impact of participation in the program.

OPPORTUNITY

Summer17 provides youth with the opportunity to increase their marketability while trying out different types of work experiences. As part of Summer17, youth will be provided with enrichment programming to develop skills in: communication, conflict resolution, leadership development, professionalism, and networking.

In addition, Summer17 supports talent development for local businesses and industries, leverages U-M as an anchor institution and job-provider in the community, and allows U-M researchers to study and measure various program outcomes.