

## Press Release

**For immediate release:**

**June 24, 2009**

**Contact:**

**Brandi Stewart-Wood, Director of Strategic Initiatives**

**360-567-3170 or [bstewart-wood@swwdc.org](mailto:bstewart-wood@swwdc.org)**

### **Summer jobs still available for 18-24 year old youth in Clark County**

Low-income young adults, ages 18-24, are still needed to fill summer jobs in Clark County organizations for work between July 6, 2009 and August 14, 2009. Positions are for 30 hours per week over the six week period. Workers will be paid minimum wage and will also receive training to help build their work readiness skills.

Interested candidates should visit [www.jobeligibility.com](http://www.jobeligibility.com) to determine whether they qualify and then contact Mike Forrest or Margaret Rogers at 360-253-9199 or [mforrest@eostaffing.com](mailto:mforrest@eostaffing.com) or [mrogers@eostaffing.com](mailto:mrogers@eostaffing.com).

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), its partners, and local area employers have created more than 700 summer jobs for low-income 14-24 year olds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The goal of the program is to provide youth who have limited work experience an opportunity to develop general workplace skills, learn job specific skills, and earn a paycheck. SWWDC received \$2.2 million in federal stimulus funds to implement the program in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties this summer.

### **About the SWWDC**

*The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) provides leadership and resources to increase economic development with a trained and productive workforce in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties. Led by a diverse board of representatives from business, labor, community-based organizations and government agencies, the SWWDC responds to the unique needs of our greater community. SWWDC funds approximately \$5 million in workforce programs annually in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties which are administered through community partners including Educational Service District 112 and WorkSource centers in Vancouver and Kelso. This summer, as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an additional \$2.2 million for a summer youth employment program is being administered through seven community partners and an additional \$2.7 million will support training for low-income adults and dislocated workers. For more information, visit [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).*