



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

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Director

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Dear Potential Georgia TeenWork Internship Program Partner:

Since 2005, the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services' (DFCS) Georgia TeenWork Internship Program has provided valuable employment experiences and future career planning support for youth in Georgia's foster care system. The mission of the Georgia TeenWork Internship Program is to ensure youth, ages 15–17, gain valuable work experience through spring, summer, and winter employment opportunities within Georgia's local communities. Every year, state agencies, private companies and businesses, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and educational institutions across the state of Georgia partner with the Georgia TeenWork Internship Program to provide work opportunities for participating youth. The program strives to make the experience enriching and gratifying for both participating employers and youth, all while developing a more qualified and skilled workforce for the state of Georgia. We would like to invite you to partner with this year's Georgia TeenWork Internship Program.

In order for the Georgia TeenWork Internship Program to provide the most valuable experiences to our youth, we are seeking businesses, agencies, and organizations that have a vested interest in changing the lives of our youth. This opportunity will provide great work and life experiences for our youth, while also providing additional assistance to your staff and administrators in many operational capacities. The upfront investment may be small, but the long-term returns are extensive and promote positive youth development outcomes exponentially for our youth in care. Studies show that early employment experiences increase the likelihood that our youth will finish high school, maintain employment, and become self-sufficient adults.

Each one of us, community leaders, parents, businesses, and state agencies, must work together as partners to support our youth. If you have any questions regarding the Georgia TeenWork Internship Program and/or if you would like to be a partner, please contact the Georgia TeenWork Internship Program directly at (404) 463-7288.

Thank you in advance for your support of Georgia's youth. We could not do this important work without your partnership and support!

Sincerely,

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