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### **PIMA COUNTY SEEKS EMPLOYERS FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

Pima County, Arizona – It's not too late for employers to participate in the Pima County One Stop Career Center's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Young people ages 14 to 21 can work for your business as temporary, paid or subsidized employees. The program provides minimum wage, \$7.35, for the young workers.

The county received about 3,900 applications from young people this year for about 1,400 jobs spread over several weeks this summer, said Dana Katbah, program manager. So far, employers include CAID Industries, Tower Theatres, Pima Animal Care Center, Pima County Superior Court and Pima County Public Library.

The young people attend a one-day "employability skills" workshop, where they learn about good work habits and employer expectations, before they go to work.

Johnathan Sims, a senior at Catalina Magnet High School, worked at the City of Tucson Housing and Development Code Enforcement Office when he participated in the 2010 Pima County Summer Youth Employment Program. The office is responsible for investigating neighborhood code violations including overgrown weeds, illegal dumping, junk motor vehicles, and vacant structures.

Johnathan was assigned to create, enter data in and close investigative cases upon resolution. He learned how to schedule inspectors and follow-up inspections. He also entered data into the office's database, and created and maintained Microsoft Excel and Word documents for the administrator.

His primary supervisor, Joy Ebot, reported that Johnathan was very easily trained and took the initiative to request additional tasks. Ebot said that if funds were available the office would "hire him in a minute."

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