

# Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) JOBS REPORT

Youth summer jobs have the potential to improve educational outcomes and disrupt cycles of economic inequality and crime. Y.O.U. hired Case Western Reserve University to evaluate if youth participating in our summer jobs program from 2014-2017 were, in fact, positively impacted over time.



**Youth  
Opportunities  
Unlimited**

**The results show significant positive differences between randomly selected applicants who successfully completed the program compared with those not selected on a number of key outcomes that are predictors of short- and long-term success.**

## IMPACT OF SYEP

Randomly selected youth who successfully completed their work experience had better outcomes in the one and two years following the program than youth who applied but were not selected to work.



### BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

87% (SYEP) vs 85% (comparison)



### HIGHER GRADUATION RATES

78% (SYEP) vs. 66% (comparison)



### FEWER JUVENILE

### DELINQUENCY FILINGS

**Year 1:** 7% (SYEP) vs 9% (comparison)  
**Year 2:** 10% (SYEP) vs 14% (comparison)



**The benefits of summer jobs extend well beyond the wages youth earn.**



### LOWER ADULT INCARCERATION RATES

**Year 1:** 3% (SYEP) vs 9% (comparison)  
**Year 2:** 8% (SYEP) vs 13% (comparison)



### FEWER VIOLENT CRIME FILINGS

**Year 1:** 3% (SYEP) vs 5% (comparison)