

# Workforce Development

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Lucas County Juvenile Court staff referred 66 youth to the Workforce Development Program during 2018. Thirty-five (35) youth successfully gained employment independently or through one of the Court work sites. ProMedica Health Systems, McDonald's, Sofia Quintero Center, Bibleway Church, The Frederick Douglass Community Association, Lucas County Facilities and Toledo Grows remained committed partners by providing work experience and on the job training for youth. Harbor Behavioral Healthcare, the YMCA of Toledo, Zepf Center and YAP, Inc. also embraced the challenge of working with youth through job readiness training and support activities.

In an effort to build capacity and resources for youth, the Court began accessing Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) funds through Lucas County Department of Jobs and Family Services. Thirty-four of the aforementioned youth were served through TANF funds. Samira Murphy, Juvenile Court Resource Specialist, ensured that workforce development youth were connected to work and/or job readiness programs.

It is anticipated that 2019 will be a year of growth for the Workforce Development Program as the positions of Workforce Development Coordinator and Job Coach are filled. The Court continues to look for partners willing to assist in the development of work readiness skills for the young people of Lucas County.



*Kendra Kec, Assistant Court Administrator, describes LCJC's efforts to access federal funds for Workforce Development Programming for justice involved youth.*



*Staff from ProMedica and Lucas County Juvenile Court Workforce Development; from left: Greg Braylock, ProMedica Associate VP/Operations Metro Region Acute Care; Sam Mallette, Juvenile Court's Workforce Development Program Manager; youth in the program; Scott Linden, ProMedica Toledo Hospital Patient Operations Manager; and Steven Fogle, ProMedica Toledo Hospital Director of Nutrition.*

