





## Our Mission

It is our mission to empower and inspire all youth to go beyond their own expectations, while building character through leadership, education, and community



## Vision

The Youth Employment Program (YEP) exists to provide youth employment opportunities with various County departments. The program enables participants to learn how their local government and community runs while gaining valuable job skills.

# Who We Serve

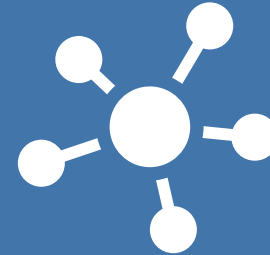


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Must be 16 to  
21 years of  
age

Reside within  
Fort Bend  
County

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Ability to work  
40 hours per  
week in  
designated  
department

Available to  
complete 8  
week program

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# Accomplishments

- YEP has placed over 661 students
- Increased departmental participation
  - 2021 – 39 Departments
  - 2022 – 44 Departments
  - 2023 – 45 Departments
- Over 14 participants were permanently hired by various Fort Bend County departments
- Departments received needed support to get caught up on COVID-19 back



# Hands On Experience

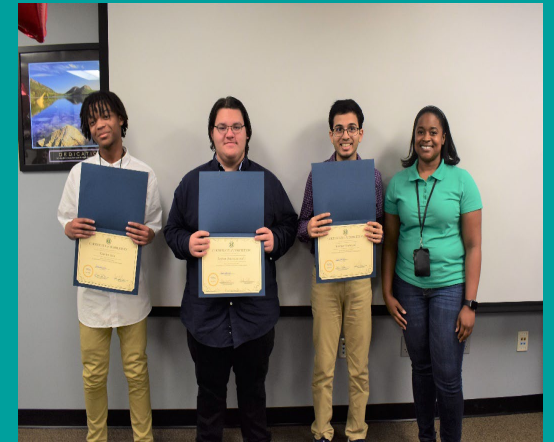


Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 2

Judge Roderick Garner



Constable Precinct 2  
Constable Daryl Smith



Information Technology

# Lunch & Learns



Commissioner Grady  
Prestage Precinct 2  
Lunch and Learn

Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 3  
Judge Sonia Rash  
Lunch & Learn



Sheriff Eric Fagan  
Sheriff Office  
Lunch & Learn



Health & Human Services  
Lunch & Learn



# Outreach and Partnerships

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- Outreach efforts spanning over all four corners of Fort Bend County include:
  - Lamar CISD, Fort Bend ISD, Needville ISD, Houston ISD, Stafford MSD, Katy ISD, and Brazos ISD Career and College Readiness Advisors, Career & Technology Education
- Partnering with legacy community to distribute materials.
- The Departments have continually invested by performing orientation and training of youth which helps this program tremendously.





# Testimonials

“I learned more than I expected working in the cybersecurity department,” said Isaak Payero, one of the interns assigned to the cybersecurity division. “I learned so many useful things I can implement in my home life to better protect my personal information.”

Another intern, Vanessa Suastes who was assigned to the service desk, explained how she learned an important life skill: “Since our orientation, Jahan [Tolliver] gave us a speech about his football coach telling him, “If you’re early, you’re on time, if you’re on time you’re late... That’s been stuck in my head, I’ve been trying my best to accomplish that.”

“I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work here in the Engineering Department. Even though I have only been here a few weeks, I have learned a lot and have enjoyed it.

I’m hoping that I get to have the same opportunity to work again in this office next summer.”

Raul Lozano





# Program Celebrations

Judge K.P. George  
Youth Celebration



Tax Assessor/Collector Carmen Turner Youth  
Celebration



Parks & Recreation  
Youth Celebration





## Program Celebrations



Information Technology End of Year BBQ







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