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**PROJECT YES - STARTS YEAR TWO**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr. is proud to announce the start of year two of the Youth Employment Solutions program (YES.) Last year the city was awarded a \$100,000 grant through Attorney General Martha Coakely's office. The grant allows the city to hire 12 at-risk youth to work in various departments and organizations in the city.

The program continues into year two, with a new group of youth recently hired, as well as two workers from last year's program to continue as supervisors. All youth employees are under the age of eighteen, all interviewed with a panel from the various departments and organizations. Each employee works 11 hours per week, working in the Health Department, Energize Everett Program, Everett Boys and Girls Club, For Kids Only (Everett's afterschool program) and the Joint Committee for Children's Healthcare in Everett.

As part of the funding, the young workers are also required to attend regular work development and health and wellness development meetings. Many of the year one employees went on to obtain and retain part time work within the city and many are considering advancing their academic careers.

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