

## Juveniles Experiencing Excellence Program (JEEP) Fact Sheet

### ***Mission Statement***

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The mission of the Juveniles Experiencing Excellence Program (JEEP) is to help youth improve their overall functioning at school, at home, and in their communities.

### ***Program Overview***

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- JEEP serves youth between the ages of 15 to 18 years old that are in need of social skills, life skills and employability skills development.
- JEEP is a yearlong program that is divided into three distinct phases: the Fall Phase, the Spring Phase, and the Summer Phase.
- Each phase serves a maximum of 16 youth. Staffing for the program consists of a full-time Site Coordinator and two part-time Life Skills Instructors.
- Youth attend the JEEP after school centers three days per week for approximately 3 hours per day, where they receive educational assistance, training in life skills and social skills, and participate in team building activities.
- As part of the program, youth are provided with a full meal and are transported to their homes at the end of program activities.
- In addition to attending the afterschool centers, each youth completes an 80 hour internship in a community setting where they earn \$5.85 per hour while gaining practical, “real life” experience.
- JEEP’s Summer Phase begins in June and lasts for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.
- It includes one week of intensive life skills and social skills training, for which the youth earn \$100, followed by an 80 hour internship where youth earn \$5.85 per hour while applying their new skills in a community setting.

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