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## **CareerSource South Florida Expands Summer Youth Employment Program in the City of Miami Gardens**

**Miami, April 25, 2019** - CareerSource South Florida (CSSF) today announces the launching of the 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida. The SYEP is aimed to empower and prepare youth to gain real-work experience that may not otherwise be afford to them and earn wages.

The City of Miami Gardens and CSSF will each provide \$150,000 for the program. The SYEP will provide summer youth employment to 173 youth between the ages 15-18. This partnership will provide opportunities for youth of the City of Miami Gardens and is designed to provide entry-level positions with local businesses, private sectors, and community-based organizations. The youth participants will begin with a 20 hour work readiness training such as: resume building, mock interviews, how to complete a job application, financial literacy, life and time management.

A lottery process will select program participants who have met all program eligibility requirements. Participants must reside in the City of Miami Gardens and be low-income and/or receives free or reduced lunch.

“The City of Miami Garden Summer Youth Employment Program is one the City’s most important endeavors. The program allows us to give young people in our community an opportunity to acquire work experience and the opportunity to value a wage that was earned,” said Mayor Oliver Gilbert.

“CareerSource South Florida is thrilled to provide an expanded program that will help even more youth”. Offering meaningful employment options and income to our youth is critical to supporting the efforts of the City of Miami Gardens. The Summer Youth Employment Program will allow youth to take on new responsibilities, gain on-the-job experience, transferable career readiness skills, and develop essential social skills that will help them achieve success in the future workforce,” said Rick Beasley, Executive Director for CareerSource South Florida.

### **About CareerSource South Florida**

CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. CareerSource South Florida’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of centers located throughout the region.

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