



## WORKFORCE PROTÉGÉ

### What is Workforce Protégé?

It is an award-winning internship program created by a Minnesota business owner and Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. (CMJTS). The Workforce Protégé program engages area businesses to mentor young people, help them learn valuable work skills, and allow them to earn a wage while gaining experience.

### What do the youth protégés learn?

- The connection between work and success
- Good basic work skills and habits
- The importance of forming positive relationships with employers and community leaders
- Increased self-worth gained through reaching work goals
- Encouragement toward post-secondary education

### What are the employer's responsibilities?

Employers who take part in the Workforce Protégé program agree to provide work that will allow the participant to see the connection between work training and future employment, be responsible for a portion of the participant's compensation, provide feedback on the youth's work skills, and schedule focused mentoring sessions throughout the program. Employers are under no obligation to hire the participant at the end of the training program.

Note: The youth participant must be enrolled in the program.

### What's in it for me?

Fair question! You are training the future workforce, increasing the economic stability of our community, gaining extra hands for your business at a reduced rate, and being a positive influence in a young person's life.

### Can we list your business as a potential Workforce Protégé site?

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