

annex news

information to *work with...*



YWCA Employment and Training Annex

YW Transit Program

YW Transit will serve as a sexual assault prevention service during evening hours, and a structured transport service during the day. The program is in its development phase and we are anticipating a mid-June start date.

Watch our website for updates:
www.ywcamadison.org

If you are interested in volunteering at the YWCA please contact:
Samantha River, Volunteer Coordinator at 257-1436.

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Volunteer Tutors Needed

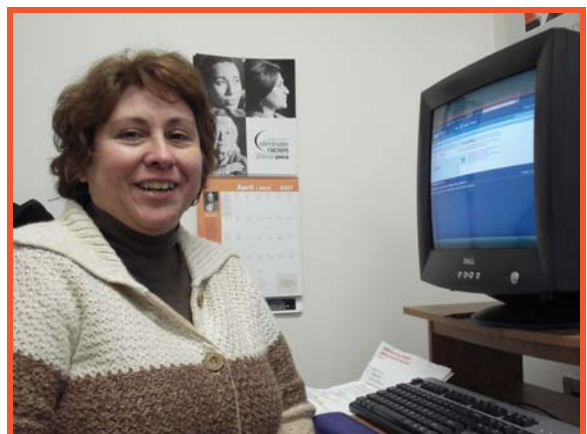
Tutor Volunteer:

This position involves assisting students that are working individually on math ranging from basic skills through Algebra and Geometry. We also need tutors specializing in mechanical and spatial awareness. Most students are preparing to take entrance exams to enter a building trades apprenticeship.

Reception Volunteers Needed

Reception Volunteer:

This position involves answering phones, greeting visitors, and answering basic questions about YWCA programs. May include assisting program participants with faxing, copying, etc.



Mary Lou Di Cosola, YW Transit Program Coordinator.

Training Partnership for the Skilled Trades

Training Partnership for the Skilled Trades (TPST)

Since 1998, TPST has worked to prepare students for aptitude tests, apprenticeships, and careers in the Building Trades.

This six-week class is filled with field trips, guest speakers, and one-on-one tutoring sessions. Conveniently scheduled in the evenings, TPST allows students to work during the day while preparing for their new career in the evenings.

For more information about this program contact:
Tony Castañeda, Program Coordinator at
(608) 287-1602 or
tcastaneda@ywcamadison.org
or visit us on the web at: www.ywcamadison.org



Tony Castañeda joined the YWCA team in the fall of 2006. Tony comes to the YWCA with over 16 years experience working in employment and training.



TPST Graduate, Florenzo Cribbs, Sr. poses with Tony Castañeda, holding his graduation certificate and his letter stating that he has passed the Carpenter's entrance exam.

**The Next Class starts:
Monday, April 23rd**

**Classes start the 4th Monday of:
February
April
October**

Class Schedule:

Mondays 6-8pm, tutoring on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and occasional Wednesday night fieldtrips. The class runs for 6 weeks.

Job Options and Displaced Homemakers Program

Job Options Program

Looking for work?

The Job Options Program serves individuals in the community who are currently unemployed or underemployed and are looking for work. In this program participants work one-on-one with a job counselor and receive assistance in the following areas:

- Career inventory and skill assessment
- Resume and cover letter development
- Customized job search skills and support
- Interview skills / mock interviewing
- Addressing barriers to obtaining and sustaining a job
- Ongoing support
- Career advancement support



The Displaced Homemaker's Advisory Board Meeting held at the Annex in April.

What's New in the Displaced Homemakers Program?

The Displaced Homemakers Program has teamed up with MATC to offer participants a variety of workshops and increased resources for training. In March, sixteen Displaced Homemaker participants visited the Cosmetology program at MATC for the *A Brand New You! Workshop*. Participants received a hair and makeup consultation and a coupon for a FREE haircut and style. After beautifying themselves the ladies took a trip to the YWCA's Suited for Success Clothing Boutique and selected two interview-appropriate outfits. Throughout this workshop there was open discussion surrounding interview skills and image presentation. This workshop was an excellent way for these women to relax, socialize, and spend that *ever-important* time focusing on themselves instead of friends and family. We would like to thank MATC Cosmetology Program for donating their time and skills and thank the Suited for Success volunteers for helping our women feel confident and look lovely!



Leslie Westerfelt with Charlie Daniels, Education Director for Displaced Homemaker, Minority Retention and Services of the WI Technical College System and Jamesetta Fousek, Turning Point Program Coordinator at M.A.T.C, Madison.

A Displaced Homemaker is defined as an individual who has worked in the home for a number of years providing unpaid services. This individual is not gainfully employed and have difficulty securing employment, and meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Has been supported by the income of another family member and is no longer supported by such income (due to death, divorce, or separation)
- Has been dependent on public assistance and may be terminated from this assistance (this can include returning from incarceration)
- Is the parent of a minor supported by public assistance and is within two years of losing this support

Displaced Homemakers receive services offered in the Job Options Program along with one-on-one career and job placement counseling, addressing such issues as time management, skill development, stress reduction, and returning to the workforce.

Anyone interested in these programs should contact

**Leslie Westerfelt at (608) 255-3283 or
lwesterfelt@ywcamadison.org**

Success

Structured Training for Successful Employment YWCA / MCD, Inc. Internship Program

Next Class is scheduled to start: **June 07**

The Program:

Success is a collaboration between YWCA Madison and MCD, Inc. The program is designed to provide classroom and paid on-the-job training to prepare women and minorities to work in the printing and manufacturing industry.

Program Details:

The program begins with a three-week classroom training at the YWCA Annex. Interviews are conducted at the end of the three weeks and those selected for the internship will start immediately. The internship is scheduled Monday through Thursday, first shift from 7:00am-3:30pm, which includes a 30 minute unpaid lunch. Interns will spend Fridays each week at the Annex working on their math and reading skills and attending workshops to enhance their employability.



MCD, Inc., formerly Madison Cutting Dye, is a successful printing and finishing company that is located on Madison's east side.



Julie Larson, YWCA Employment and Training Programs Manager coordinates the program for YWCA's portion of the program.

Aubrey, an intern poses by the Kluge after a long day's work.



Sylvia, an intern spends Fridays in the classroom studying Algebra.



Glenn Gauger, Vice President of Manufacturing poses with intern, Aubrey Johnson. Glenn coordinates the program for MCD's portion of the program.

Interns, Ileana and Dakotah work together on a project at MCD.



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Girl Neighborhood Power



Meme Kintner's monthly Girl Neighborhood Power staff meetings are held at the YWCA Annex.

What is Girl Neighborhood Power ?

Girl Neighborhood Power is an after school program offered in 5 community centers in Madison for girls in 4th grade through high school. Programs meet daily and focus on a variety of areas including community service, academic support, health and fitness and leadership development opportunities. GNP programs are located at the following neighborhood centers: Atwood, Bridge/Lake Point, Vera Court, Kennedy Heights and Wisconsin Youth and Family Center. GNP also offers summer programs at each location. If you would like more information about any of these locations, or about GNP, please call Meme Kintner, Girl Neighborhood Power Project Director at 255-3295 or email mkintner@ywcamadison.org

Administrative Updates:

Girl Neighborhood Power's administrative office moved into the YWCA Employment and Training Annex building just about a year ago. We are enjoying the neighborhood, the coffee shop next door is just too convenient, and the parking is great! But, more importantly, the connection between the goals of Girl Neighborhood Power and the YWCA Employment and Training program make this a perfect fit for the continuum of services we hope to provide girls as they graduate from high school and plan for continued education and employment.



Tai Words and Meme Kintner in their shared office, all smiles.



GNP girls pose with a volunteer that taught them origami.

More Annex Information...



Conveniently located on W. Lakeside Street, YWCA Employment and Training Annex is across from Franklin Elementary School and accessible by Madison Metro on routes #5 (Park St) and #13 (Olin Ave). For more information on the bus route contact Madison Metro Help Line at 266-4466.



The YWCA Annex Computer Lab is available to all YWCA Employment and Training Program participants to use while working on their job search, resume preparation and improving computer skills.

YWCA Annex Staff:

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