Community and Summer Youth Employment Program Success Stories

1. What is your starting point?	
Are you starting from the Success Story page?	Are you returning to your account?
Go to www.illinoisworknet.com/syep2014 and select Success Stories menu item. **Youth Participants** 1. **Complete the end of program youth survey.** 2. Log into your Illinois workNet SYEP Account Tools. Select the Success Story tab to submit your story.	Go to www.illinoisworknet.com/syep2014 and select the link to return to your SYEP account. Career Plan Job Search Resume Builder Portfolio Return to Your SYEP Application and Tools

2. Select the Success Stories tab at the top of the page.
3. Complete the end of program survey.
4. Complete the success story fields.

Application	Career Readiness	Work Experience	Resume & Portfolio Builder	Success Story

Share your experience

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1. Complete the end of program survey
2. Share your success story.

First Name *

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Last Name *

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Address Line 1 *

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Success Story Writing Tips

The most effective stories are written by the participating youth and employers because they convey, in the person's own voice, exactly how the program helped them and the value of the program. An accompanying photo adds interest and visual appeal while demonstrating the diversity of those served by the program.

To write an effective success story you should include your:

Situation and/or background

- Employment and/or training program offered by your Illinois workNet Center or service provider?
- What is your background?
- What were you trying to achieve?
- Why is this program important to the people of Illinois?

Program activities that led to your success, and

- What action(s) did you take?
- What positive change occurred?

Results

- How do you measure your success?
- Details of new job/career/plans for future (i.e., got a job, enrolled in training, enlisted in the military, other)

Finishing Touches

- Avoid repetition and excessive personal details.
- Proofread the story.
- Include a photo (See infographic for photo tips.).
- Keep headlines short, 10 words or less.