

Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the **Get Youth Working! Program** has been **extended to March 31st, 2013** and the hiring incentive has **been increased to \$2,800!**

This Program, funded through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement, offers employers a **\$2,800 hiring incentive (up to 3 employees at \$2,800 each)** to hire eligible youth 15 to 29 years of age. Additionally, employers **may request up to \$1,000 to purchase training** for the newly hired youth.

The Program is **open to all BC employers and youth** if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

EMPLOYER Criteria:

- In business for a minimum of one year
- In good standing with WorkSafeBC
- Must employ new hire for a minimum of 3 months and 30 hours/week
- **Employers will not qualify if employee is hired prior to GYW Funding Agreement signing**

NEW HIRE Criteria:

- Unemployed, 15 – 29 years of age
- Has not applied for EI, not currently receiving and must not have received EI within the past 36 months; or 60 months for a parental claim
- Not a full-time student or returning to school
- Is a resident of BC and legally entitled to work in Canada
- Not be participating in another Canada/British Columbia Labour Market Agreement funded program

I am contacting you to ask if you would share this information with your membership and post the extension information in an upcoming enewsletter or on your website.

I am attaching the Funding Extension **Press Release** and **Fact Sheet** for your review. In addition, please find a document with information that can be copied and added to a newsletter or posted your website.

Thank you in advance for ***“spreading the word”*** to your members – I’m confident that your membership will find the information valuable! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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