



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

LA COUNTY YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM CalWORKs Questions & Answers

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Youth Jobs (LACYJ) Program through the "Earn and Learn" model provides youth ages 16-19 (19 years old must be in CalLearn program) with meaningful work experience. During their participation in the program, youth will:

- Participate in 20 hours of paid Personal Enrichment Training
- Participate in approximately 100 hours of paid work experience
- Earn the minimum wage
- Get noticed by the Employers for possible hiring

Q. Who is eligible to the Earn and Learn CalWORKs Program?

A: Youth ages 16-19 (19 years old must be in CalLearn program) who reside in Los Angeles County and are receiving CalWORKs through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, authorized to work in the U.S., **and** have a valid work permit from their school.

Q: Will my earnings from this Program impact my parent's CalWORKs benefit grant?

A: Earnings from the L.A. Youth Jobs Program for youth under 19 years of age is exempt (will not count) in determining the CalWORKs grant if the youth:

- is aided as a child under their parent or caretaker's case;
- is enrolled in school full-time; or
- has a school schedule that is equal to part-time curriculum **and** is not employed full-time (less than 173 hours per month).

Earnings will count toward the CalWORKs grant for youth who do not meet the criteria listed above or youth who have their own CalWORKs case and are not under a parent case.

Q: Do I or do my parents have to report my earnings from the Earn & Learn Program to the County? If so, how do we report earnings to the County?

A: All earnings must be reported whether exempt or not. Earnings must be reported during the Redetermination interview and/or on the Semi-Annual Eligibility Status Report (SAR-7) in order for the Eligibility Worker to assess the earnings. Participants must clearly indicate on the SAR 7 that the earnings received are relevant to the LACYJ Program. You may ask your LACYJ Program case manager to provide you a letter indicating your earnings.

Q: Do I need a work permit if I am a high school student?

A: Yes, if you are still attending school and are not 18 yet, you need a work permit from your school's administration office.

Q: What if I am not 18 yet, but have a high school diploma, do I still need a work permit?

A: No. If you have graduated from high school and you are not 18 yet, you don't need a work permit, but you need to provide your diploma or General Education Development or GED certificate during enrollment.

Q: What if the school I attend is closed in the summer, where should I go to get my work permit?

A: You can get the work permit from your Unified School District's Administration Office.