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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

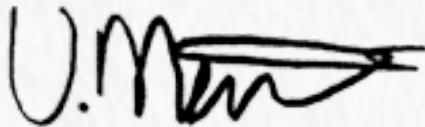
**Greetings!**

**The Department of Employment Services (DOES) stepped into the New Year and showcased significant program launches. This month, we celebrated the 45th anniversary of the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program and launched applications for District youth ages 14-24.**

**January marked notable strides with the initiation of innovative pathways, the unveiling of workforce strategies, and ongoing support through our programs. The announcement of the modernization of the UI benefits website is an example of the advancements DOES is making to ensure equitable access for all Washingtonians.**

**In January, the collaborative efforts between DOES, businesses, and residents have been pivotal.**

**Explore this issue for essential resources, workforce insights, and announcements of various other youth programs.**



**Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes**  
**DOES Director**





# Celebrating 45 years!

For 45 years, the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program has been providing a fair shot to young people in DC. Each year, the program provides thousands of District youth the opportunity to earn while they learn and explore potential career paths.

The program partners with hundreds of employers to provide relevant training and guidance to DC's youth to help them develop the positive work habits and skills necessary to secure future employment. Last year, over 14,000 youth participated in the program; 56% of last year's participants were residents of Wards 7 and 8 and nearly 800 host employers offered youth summer employment opportunities. This summer, wages for the oldest age group will increase to \$17.50/hour, in line with the District's minimum wage.




APPLY TODAY AT [SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV](https://summerjobs.dc.gov).

***"For nearly half a century, the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program has played an important role in the lives of young Washingtonians. Applications open at noon today, and we want young people and their families submitting their applications as soon as possible," said Mayor Bowser. "We also know that MBSYEP is successful because of the employers and organizations, like the Young Doctors Project, that partner with us and offer our young people fantastic summer experiences. We are grateful to the employers who partner with us every year, and we encourage employers who have never hosted to learn more about what it means to be a MBSYEP host and to submit their applications too."***








# Career Ready Early Scholars Program

The Career Ready Early Scholars Program, formerly known as the Middle School Exploration Program, is connecting District youth ages 8-13 with paid career exploration opportunities.



**APPLICATION OPENS  
FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

## District Youth Ages 8-13

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- Youth are required to be 8 years old when entering 4th Grade for the 2024-2025 School Year.
  - Program start times will vary between sites, starting June 2024. All programs will run for three weeks.
  - Slots are limited.

For more program information, visit [summerjobs.dc.gov](https://summerjobs.dc.gov) or [does.dc.gov](https://does.dc.gov) and click youth services.





# HBCU PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

GET READY FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER AFTER GRADUATION!

The HBCU Public Service Program, in partnership with Howard University (HU) and the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), offers diverse career paths in district government agencies, including roles like IT Specialist, Public Service Investigator, Contract Specialist, Program Coordinator, and more.

Starting June 2024, twenty-five selected seniors from HU and UDC will embark on a year-long, full-time apprenticeship, creating a seamless pipeline for HBCU graduates into public service roles, while benefiting DC government with top talent.



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# *The Young Doctors Project*

## Shaping Future Healthcare Providers

Youth engaged in the Young Doctors Project undergo a transformative year of medical training. From blood pressure screenings to mental health evaluations, they acquire vital skills for a future in healthcare. The program focuses on preventive medicine and addresses health issues in underserved communities, shaping the "young doctors" into community-focused healthcare providers.

### Service-Learning and Community Impact

After a year of learning, participants embark on a service-learning journey, conducting free health clinics in the community under the guidance of staff doctors. This hands-on experience aligns with the program's mission to prepare the District's next generation of healthcare providers.



### A Decade of Partnership

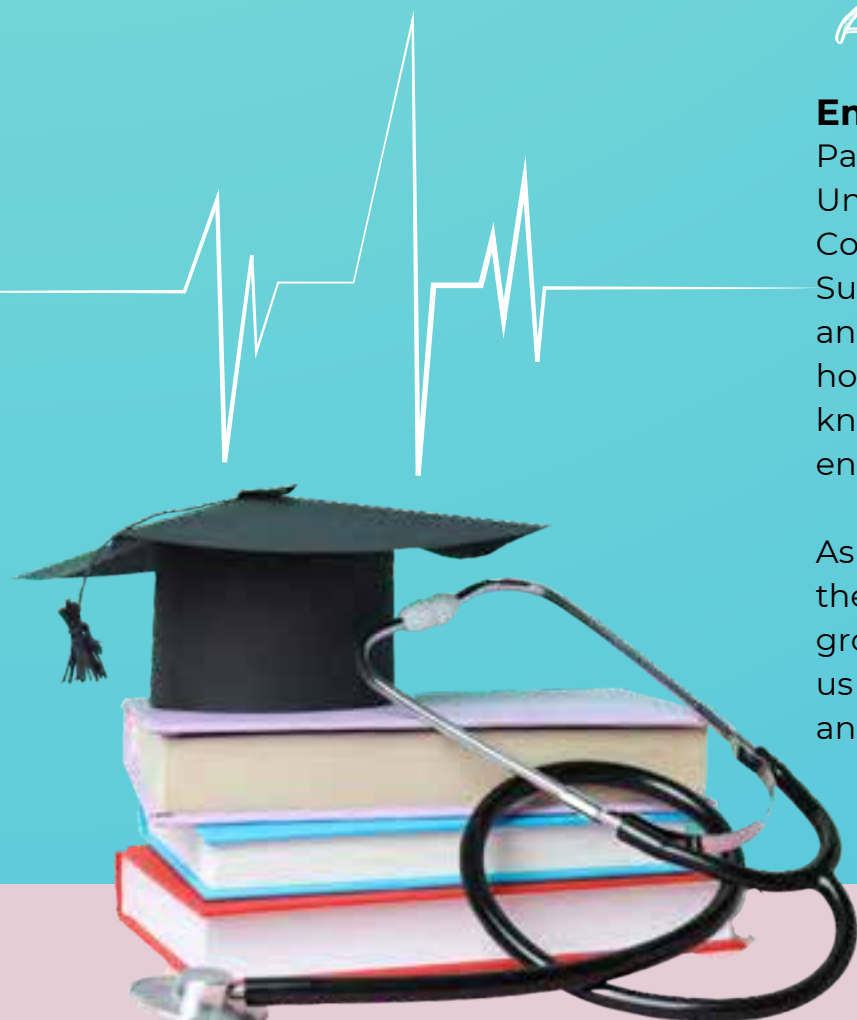
The Young Doctors Project proudly marks a decade of collaboration with MBSYEP, having hosted 60 participants. This long-standing commitment underscores the program's impact on shaping the future of healthcare in the District.

### Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

Participants collaborate with Howard University's Department of Psychology and College of Medicine, including a 4-week Summer Health Academy addressing dietary and health risks in the Black community. This holistic approach empowers young minds with knowledge and skills crucial for their future endeavors.

As the 2024 MBSYEP application period unfolds, the city looks forward to another summer of growth, learning, and community impact. Join us in supporting the next generation of leaders and healthcare providers!

**Apply for MBSYEP: [summerjobs.dc.gov](https://summerjobs.dc.gov)**



# DC IS HIRING

Join District Government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit organizations for a dynamic winter hiring fair, offering on-the-spot job offers in various industries.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library**

**901 G Street NW, Washington DC**



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Pre-register: Secure your spot from January 30 to February 6, 2024
- Select Preferences: Choose up to 2 positions during registration
- Explore Opportunities: Visit all participating hiring entities
- Resume Review: Matching candidates invited back by agencies

## PREFERENCES AVAILABLE:

- Veterans
- Persons with Disabilities
- District Residents
- Bilingual Candidates
- Formerly Incarcerated Individuals
- and more...

## HIGHLIGHTS

- On-the-Spot Job Offers
- Opportunities in Multiple Industries
- Free Admission



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# DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE DURING TAX SEASON

**You could receive a boost from filing your taxes.**

*See if you qualify.*

Ahead of the 2024 tax season, Mayor Bowser shared [resources and credits](#) available to residents that can help put money back in your pockets. Tax season began Monday, January 29, and ends Monday, April 15.

**Resources available to Washingtonians to help make the most of tax returns include:**

- The [Federal Earned Income Tax Credit \(Federal EITC\)](#) is typically for individuals and families who make less than \$63,398. Residents can get back anywhere between \$560-\$7,000 on taxes. Learn more: [gov/eitc](#).
- The [Earned Income Tax Credit \(EITC\)](#) gives individuals and families 70% of their federal EITC amount for tax year 2023. Learn more: [dc.gov/eitc](#).
- DC's [Keep Child Care Affordable Tax Credit](#) is typically available to taxpayers based on amount of eligible childcare expenses paid by taxpayer per child. Learn more: [dc.gov](#).
- The [Senior Citizen/Disabled Property Tax Relief](#) program is accessible to property owners who are 65 years old or older or those who are disabled. Individuals meeting these criteria can apply for disabled or senior citizen property tax relief. Learn more at [dc.gov](#).
- [Free tax preparation services](#) are offered through DISB for all residents. [dc.gov/freetaxpresources](#).



*Learn more at [disb.dc.gov/eitc](#).*



# THE BULLETIN BOARD

The Department of Employment Services modernized Unemployment Insurance Benefits Systems project is scheduled to go live on Monday, February 5, 2024. Big Changes! To prepare for the launch of the new and improved Insurance Benefits System all claimants will need to verify their identities through the new ID.me + DOES portal. Users do not have to wait until February 5 to verify. The ID.me portal is available NOW. Claimants are being encouraged to verify ASAP, if they have not done so already.

Learn more at [does.dc.gov](https://does.dc.gov).



The #MBSYEP2024 application is now OPEN! District youth ages 14 – 24 and employers interested in hosting can apply TODAY at [SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV](https://SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV).

## List of American Job Center Locations in DC

- AJC Headquarters
- AJC Bertie Backus
- AJC Reeves Center

Check out our socials!



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