2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Investing in the Future of Our Workforce

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Bridge the divide between our region's youth and the growing skills gap in our workforce.

VISION

A city where our youth have the opportunity they need to succeed, and our businesses have the workforce they need to compete.

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Aariq, a Webster University student majoring in sports and entertainment management, was tasked by the Surge to create a social media plan to boost fan engagement during the pandemic.

He developed a 10-episode web series that highlighted the daily life of Surge players. This helped fans relate to these professional athletes and better understand their daily lives.

"I was really excited because I was allowed to think outside of the box and come up with my own ideas in the comfort of my own home. My project was engaging with both the team and the fans so I had a really good time with that."

EMPLOYER PARTNER — Power4STL

"You learn a lot from [the youth] and they learn a lot from you. Through this experience, we teach them how to respond to other people, how to react, how to be sociable, and the importance of being financially stable and independent...some kids never thought they'd be able to have their own bank account or savings account."

Erica Jones

Our Program Providers











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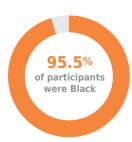
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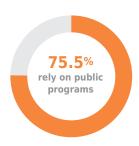
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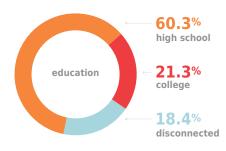
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employer partners









YOUTH IMPACT

91%

rated their overall program experience as excellent or good

79%

saved money from their paycheck

87%

gained job search skills for future employment

85%

felt more connected to their community

85%

said their Job Coach helped them set and achieve their goals

95%

felt more confident and better-prepared for the job search

EMPLOYER RESPONSE

80%

would have hired their youth worker(s) if they had a relevant opening

81%

deemed their youth worker(s) to be job-ready

91%

would give their youth worker(s) a positive reference

2020 FINANCIALS

Data referenced from 990 form







This report summarizes and represents the data from Enrollment Forms (484 participants), and results from evaluation tools and assessments conducted by LS Associates [including Youth Post-Program Surveys (272 youth) and Employer Evaluation of Youth (38 employers), totaling 310 survey participants].

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