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### **Labor awards \$1.4 million for at-risk youth development**

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has awarded nearly \$1.4 million in grants to support development services for eligible Alaskans ages 14 to 21.

“These grants fund career awareness programs, work experience and support services,” Business Partnerships Director Wanetta Ayers said. “The goal is to break down barriers to employment and better prepare young Alaskans for the workforce.”

The federally funded Workforce Investment Act-Youth program grants are awarded to Alaska schools and nonprofits that serve in-school and out-of-school youth experiencing unemployment and facing obstacles to re-employment and high school completion.

The competitive grants are used for summer employment opportunities, tutoring, mentoring, internships, and work search and workplace success skills.

Subject to final negotiations, the grants for state fiscal year 2015 are:

- Southeast Regional Resource Center \$97,750
- Nine Star Enterprises \$322,000
- AVTEC \$211,064
- Health and Social Services/Juvenile Service \$190,079
- Access Alaska \$150,000
- DOLWD Employment Security Division \$140,000
- Covenant House \$100,000
- Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association \$99,000
- University of Alaska/Kachemak Bay Campus \$80,000

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