



## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

- ❖ The Youth Employment Resource Centre (YERC) has been in operation since 1984
- ❖ YERC is a program of the John Howard Society of Ottawa
- ❖ YERC is funded by the provincial government – Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- ❖ YERC is an Employment Ontario site (Ontario's employment and training network)
- ❖ YERC provides individualized employment services for youth (primarily), and some adults in the West end of Ottawa, and also for employers
- ❖ YERC offers an information and resource centre that is open to the public with job postings, information and resources on careers and occupations, local labour market, training opportunities and job search strategies.
- ❖ YERC has delivered provincially funded youth employment programs since 1984 – currently Job Connect (the province's primary employment program) and Summer Jobs Service (for students)
- ❖ Federally funded youth employment programs were delivered for more than 7 years
- ❖ More than 2,000 youth are assisted with employment each year
- ❖ More than 1,000 students are assisted with their employment needs each summer, and throughout the year
- ❖ Job Fairs and other recruiting opportunities assist hundreds of employers each year, in addition to screening of applicants
- ❖ Partnerships with Literacy, Apprenticeship, Schools, Community based centres and our Job Connect partners
- ❖ YERC is a member of the Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres (OAYEC) and the Ontario Network of Employment Service Providers (ONESTEP)
- ❖ YERC's Director has represented the Eastern region youth employment deliverers on the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Job Connect Advisory Group (JCAG), has been the Eastern region Board member and Vice President of OAYEC and is currently a Board member of ONESTEP
- ❖ 74% of our clients are employed at exit, with 96% customer satisfaction
- ❖ 78% of our clients have Grade 12 or less education
- ❖ 49% are less than 20 years of age