



**Mayor Anita Dugatto**

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**Mayor Dugatto to Host YouthWorks Orientation**

Derby – June 11, 2015

YouthWorks is dedicated to helping young adults explore career opportunities and advance their education. The program provides support to help young adults become valuable, self-reliant members of the community. Mayor Anita Dugatto and the City of Derby are excited to host a YouthWorks recruitment and orientation session for youth ages 16-21 and their parents/guardians. The event will take place on June 11th at Derby City Hall. There is no charge to attend or participate in YouthWorks. Attendees will learn about the year-round program, eligibility requirements and services offered to participants.

Participants in YouthWorks receive comprehensive counseling and guidance for 12 months by a YouthWorks Specialist on job readiness, education advancement and industry specific training. In addition, resume building and job preparation skills will be presented.

"We're thrilled to have The Work Place bring this program to our community. Any opportunity to support the advancement of our youth is a wonderful thing," Dugatto said.

"YouthWorks strives to create opportunity for youth to work and advance their education by developing their full talents. The program facilitates the exploration of meaningful careers by offering them skills training as well as job search and placement services", said Joseph Carbone, President and CEO of The WorkPlace. "Through this orientation meeting we hope to make local youth and their parents aware of resources to combat youth unemployment."

Please join us on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at Derby City Hall, 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418. To register and for more information: Karl Buckey Walden, 203-685-2846, [kwalden@workplace.org](mailto:kwalden@workplace.org) or John Saccu, 860-883-7476, [jsaccu@gmail.com](mailto:jsaccu@gmail.com).

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WHAT: Recruitment/Orientation Meeting for YouthWorks Program  
WHERE: Derby City Hall, 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418  
WHEN: Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm

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***About The WorkPlace***

*The WorkPlace conducts comprehensive planning, and coordinates regional workforce development policy and programs to prepare people for careers while strengthening the workforce for employers. As national leader in the field, The WorkPlace regularly shares ideas and best practices with lawmakers, foundations, think tanks and other workforce development organizations around the country. For more information, visit [www.workplace.org](http://www.workplace.org)*