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## **Area Businesses Receive Recognition For Participating In Teen Job Shadowing Program**

Twenty-eight area businesses in Cleveland will be recognized for providing 61 teens in custody of Cuyahoga County with internship opportunities. The recognition ceremony will be held at Chancellor University, 3921 Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the teen job shadowing program is to implement one of the five prioritized goals established by the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 which created the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program for youth. The five goals are education, **employment**, savings, housing and community mentors.

Seven percent of teen participants obtained employment from businesses that participated in the job shadowing program last year.

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**Mission Statement**  
The purpose of the Department of Children and Family Services  
is to assure that children at risk of abuse or neglect are protected and nurtured  
within a family and with the support of the community.