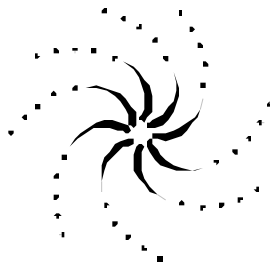


GET EMPLOYERS AND BUSINESSES INVOLVED

We need a chance to get real world experience. Businesses can help us do that.

Here are some ideas:

- Create workplace release policies that promote and support parental involvement in the schools, volunteerism, and community service.
- Develop school and business partnerships where businesses support schools with personnel, financial and other contributions.
- Work with businesses to create job fairs, job training, job sharing opportunities, internships, and mentored employment.
- Work with the schools on service-learning and school to work programs, on job training and career development programs.
- Look into Work Force Investment programs that provide money for youth employment.
- Develop more longstanding and securely funded programs like AmeriCorps where youth receive stipends. Think about developing these locally.





LINKS TO ACTION

The **Center for Entrepreneurship** in Albuquerque provides opportunities for business skill development for youth: 505-272-7677

Join-A-School in Albuquerque is a program partnering businesses with individual schools: 505-256-4420. Most other school districts have a staff person assigned to build these partnerships.

For information on the **Workforce Investment Act**, contact the NM Department of Labor in Santa Fe: 505-827-7436

The Center for Service Learning is a statewide program integrating service in education: 505-988-1724

AmeriCorps is a national program providing opportunities for youth to serve their communities and earn a stipend: www.americorps.org