Summer Employment

START LOOKING OVER WINTER RECESS...
WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS AND HOBBIES?

- list your interest and hobbies...
- connect interest and hobbies to potential future or summer employment
- talk with parents, friends, and others to give you insight as to your personality, qualities, etc...
- write resume
BRAINSTORM THE TYPES OF SUMMER JOBS THAT AVAILABLE...

- large companies and corporations (i.e., in- and out-of-state)
- allied health fields
- summer camps (i.e., states other than Connecticut)
- parks and recreation, YMCA/YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc...
- cruise ships
- Disney (Orlando, FL)
HOW?

- scan and search the internet
- research the companies you plan to obtain a job with.
- ask your professors about summer employment opportunities, future internships or research projects, etc...
- visit the Career Center – vast resource
- attend job fairs
- visit the different campus offices
- contact:
  - the State of Connecticut Department of Labor
  - Summer Youth Employment sites in your town
EARLY CONTACT

- Summer employment sites will begin the hiring process from January thru April.
- Better paying jobs begin seeking employees early.
- Write or e-mail to solicit an employment application.
- Ask about summer trainee positions – sometimes these jobs lead to future full-time positions.
- Determine if there will be an interview.
- Solicit two references – have them be prepared to write a letter of recommendation.
FOLLOW-UP

- submit employment application early.
- contact the company a week later to determine if they have received your employment application.
- have someone conduct a “mock interview session” with you.
- attend interview
- follow-up with any of their requests.
**OUTCOME**

- summer employment should assist in the following ways:
  - enhance specific skills (ex. computer, communication, research and development, etc...)
  - increase knowledge of career field
  - training for future career field
  - future site for full-time employment