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East Arkansas Regional Summer Youth Employment Initiative (EARSYEI)

State Representative Reginald Murdock and Mayor Cedric Williams are proud to announce the formation and implementation of the East Arkansas Regional Summer Youth Employment Initiative (EARSYEI). A press conference will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Forrest City Civic Center located at 1335 N. Washington Street, Forrest City, AR. The press conference will begin at 2:00 PM.

The goal of EARSYEI is to provide entry-level work experience with private sector businesses encompassing a variety of jobs and industries. Additionally, participants will also be placed with local government entities and community-based organizations. Youth participants, ages 16-21 are encouraged to make applications with their local mayor's office. The application deadline is Friday, June 14, 2019. Participants will typically work Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Fridays will be utilized to provide professional development, job enhancement skills, and social activities.

EARSYEI will provide youth placements in a variety of cities and towns located in St. Francis, Lee and Monroe counties. The City of Forrest City will serve as the administrator of EARSYEI.

Partners for this initiative include State Representative Reginald Murdock, Darryl Bassett, Director, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Mike Preston, Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Dr. Cathy Cline, President, East Arkansas Community College, Dr. Tiffany Hardrick, Superintendent, Forrest City School District, Area Chambers of Commerce, Mayors and cities located in the three (3) county region area.

EARSYEI, a transformative program, will follow in the line of workforce development initiatives promoted by Governor Hutchinson and his department heads in many of their public remarks emphasizing a regional focus relative to workforce development.

For further information, you may contact Forrest City's Mayor's Office at 870.633.1315

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