

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Service Providers

**FROM:** Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

**DATE:** January 20, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 2011-2012 Summer Jobs Service (SJS) Program Delivery

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Employment Service (ES) service providers, who have delivered Summer Jobs Service in prior years, information on the roll out of the Summer Jobs Service (SJS) program delivery for 2011-12.

By investing in Ontario's youth, through Ontario Summer Jobs Strategy (OSJ), the government is helping to build the best educated, best-trained workforce in the world. Summer work experiences help young people acquire skills that stay with them for life, paving the way to lifelong careers. The Summer Jobs Service program is part of the broader Ontario Summer Jobs Strategy.

This will be a year of transition for the Summer Jobs Service program. With the implementation of the new Employment Service (ES) model on August 1, 2010; the ES network is not expected to be stabilized until March 31, 2012. Our priority is to ensure business continuity for service providers and service continuity for students and employers. All SJS service providers who delivered SJS in 2010 will be offered the opportunity to deliver the program in 2011-2012 with the exception of SJS service providers who have exited the ES network.

Summer Job Service delivery is not part of the Employment Service contract. There will be a separate agreement for the delivery of SJS to support seamless service delivery over the summer. Funding and service commitments for 2011-2012 will remain consistent with the base activity, subsidy and operational funding prior to the funding received from the 2009 Ontario Budget Initiative.

We will be contacting SJS service providers to begin discussions related to contracting, targets and funding within the next week.