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STRIVE Gets \$5 Million to Serve Juvenile Offenders

STRIVE, the New York City-based workforce development organization, has been awarded a three-year, \$5 million grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to provide training and employment services to formerly incarcerated juveniles and young adults. The grant will enable STRIVE to serve youth in up to six cities nationwide through a new initiative called STRIVE for the Future.

"In New York City and in cities around the country, STRIVE helps young people get on a path to a brighter future by equipping them with the attitudes and skills they need to succeed in the workplace," said Philip Weinberg, STRIVE's Chief Executive Officer. "This important investment by the U.S. Department of Labor will allow STRIVE to expand our capacity to provide a second chance to at-risk youth across the nation."

With this grant, the STRIVE network will serve 400 formerly incarcerated youth, ages 14 and older, from high-poverty, high-crime communities who have been involved with the juvenile justice system in the past twelve months and never have been involved in the adult criminal system. STRIVE will provide career development, training and education and support services, as well as community service projects, mentoring, and engage in violence reduction efforts.

"These young people deserve a chance to turn their lives around," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis in the department's news release. "The federal grants announced today will help vulnerable youth receive the training and support they need to gain valuable job skills and improve their long-term employment prospects."

Based in East Harlem, New York, STRIVE is an international network of nonprofit affiliates. Through the STRIVE for the Future initiative, all STRIVE affiliates in the United States will have the opportunity to apply to STRIVE to deliver services in their local communities. STRIVE will be responsible for awarding, monitoring, and overseeing the implementation of affiliate subgrants

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