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# Hogsett to announce plan to employ 4k young adults

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FILE - In this June 6, 2015, file photo, a customer, bottom, pays for goods while shopping at the Atlanta Farmers Market in Atlanta. Some signs have suggested that wages are beginning to pick up after barely moving in the more than 6 years since the Great Recession officially ended. On Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, the governments jobs report will offer some clues about whether the modest pay gains will continue. (AP Photo/David Goldman, File)

INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — Mayor Joe Hogsett is scheduled to talk about 2016 summer job opportunities

The announcement will be made Wednesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at TeenWorks. Representatives from the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, youth job providers and community partners are expected to join the mayor for the announcement.

Mayor Hogsett's announcement will come after EmployIndy, Marion County's workforce development board has as been awarded nearly \$2 million from the United State Department of Labor as part of the Summer Jobs and Beyond program.

The money will be used to expand YouthWorks Indy, a program expected to enhance and unify existing summer employment programs and provide year-round work readiness training and work experiences.

YouthWorks Indy, which will launch this summer, will bring together an assortment of partners. It will include: TeenWorks, Marion County Commission on Youth, Indy Public Safety Foundation, Indianapolis Park Department, The Crossing School, The Excel Center, Christel House DORS, Washington and Warren Township Adult Education, YouthBuild Indy, WorkOne Indy, Indiana Black Expo and several allied employers.

Young adults will earn a minimum of eight dollars per hour, for a minimum of 20 – 32 hours per week. The program expects to enroll 834 participants by 2018 with a long-term enhancement plan to provide employment to 4,000 youth and young adults by 2019.

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