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**Profile of a newsmaker: Teen works to create more employment opportunities for youths**

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**In the news:** Bobbie Braboy, 14, of Norwich spent her summer working for the Connecticut Works Project through the Norwich Youth Services Association.

**Her job:** It was Braboy's first year in the program, which began in July. Along with four other teenagers, the group's primary task was to investigate youth employment options at the program. Students contacted employers to compile a list of youth-friendly businesses and to make those non-youth-friendly aware of the benefits of youth employment. They targeted advertisements including posters, pamphlets and brochures.



**The goal:** Braboy's work was aimed at making the program a more youth-friendly environment and provide a resource for teens to learn about creating resumes, attending interviews and other job etiquette.

**Next:** Braboy hopes to get an after-school youth center started locally so teens will have a place to go to do homework and network for jobs and colleges.

**Quotable:** "The best part about this job was that it gave me special direction, but also allowed me to give my own ideas. I've never had a job like this before."