SCYEC provides youth and young adults with meaningful, paid work experience, environmental education, and the opportunity to explore careers and develop work-readiness skills. Participating youth and young adults contribute to the community while completing environmental projects or working with various local nonprofit organizations. The Sonoma County Human Services Department has proudly administered SCYEC along with local partners and contracted youth provider agencies every summer since 2009.

**SCYEC Positively Impacts Youth & Young Adults**

In 2016, SCYEC met all of its identified short-term objectives for youth and young adults. Program highlights include:

**Increasing Work-Readiness Skills**
- 100% with skill deficits improved in at least one area.
- 90% felt prepared for future employment or education.

**Building Positive Relationships with Adults & Peers**
- 93% enjoyed being part of the crew or enjoyed working with the other people at their individual placement.
- 79% said that they had an adult in the program they could talk to about important decisions in their lives.

**Earning Money to Support Themselves & Their Family**
- Participants earned $10.50 - $12.50 per hour.
- 73% saved at least part of their earnings.

**Making Plans for the Future**
- 98% reported a post-summer plan for school or work.

**Fostering Environmental Awareness**
- 95% reported awareness of environmental issues.

**Youth Satisfaction with SCYEC**
- 98% reported overall satisfaction with SCYEC.

"I have a brighter future now."
— Youth Participant

"Our parks & our community are better for it."
— Project Host

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