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Tips to Finding Employment for Teens

Black teenage employment is soaring. Black teenagers represent 41.6 percent of the unemployed, making them the largest group in the jobless ranks. These tips are by Beatrice Nivens, author of *The Black Women's Career Guide* (Anchor/Doubleday).

★ Make sure your teenager has all the necessary documents needed for work. Check with your child's school official or contact your state's Education Department for working paper forms.

★ Know how much your child can expect to make. Most teenagers can expect to earn minimum wage, \$3.35 an hour.

★ Know the types of jobs in which your teenager can expect to work: in recreational facilities, summer camps, fast food chains, nursing homes, nonprofit agencies, private businesses, retail stores, doctors' offices. Ask your child his or her career goals and try to find summer jobs geared to these goals.

★ Contact your child's school and talk with his or her guidance

counselor about referrals to summer employment programs for teens.

★ Check with your local, state or federal government agency. In some cities, agencies run special summer employment programs for minority and/or disadvantaged youth. Ask about eligibility requirements and deadlines.

★ Locate your local Private Industry Council (PIC) by looking in the telephone directory or asking your local employment or job service program. The 592 PICs across the country have summer youth employment programs for the economically disadvantaged.

★ Check with your local Y. Many throughout the country have summer-camp programs that hire teens.

★ If your teenager is 18 years or older and wants to work at a camp, contact the American Camping Association at 43 W. 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010. Inquire about their free placement service.

★ Make a list of Black busi-

nesses and organizations by checking through local Black newspapers. Contact each one and inquire about a summer job. Black business owners may need the temporary help and may be concerned enough about the unemployment problem to make the commitment to give a teen a job.

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Why Do Students Drop Out?

Although schools have been experiencing a relatively constant dropout rate of 20 percent over the last decade, current figures indicate the rate to be about 30 percent. A number of studies suggest that even these figures are underreported. In some cities, more than 50% of all high school students drop out before graduating.

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VERSE: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of the youth."
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