

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA
REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The promise and future strength of this metropolis is in our youth. Many youths, particularly those who live in slums and poverty, need special help in improving their lives and finding a place in the mainstream of our society.

You, as participants in the Youth Opportunity Program, face a challenging task and a vital responsibility. Your task will be to strengthen, improve and increase every existing public and private service and to enhance the sound growth and guidance of youth.

With energy, patience and determination, you can have a major effect on the planning and operation of programs which provide jobs, education, recreation services, and other activities for our less advantaged young people.

This can be done through full cooperation and support from every community resource.

I want especially to stress the necessity of jobs. It is essential that every young person experience the challenge and satisfaction of holding a job during the summer.

We must, of course, continue to build programs that meet the needs of our youth on a year-round basis.