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Youth Services Bureau celebrates 256 grads from employment program
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Another graduation ceremony is being held Wednesday to celebrate the completion of a jobs placement program in the city. Several are run through Ottawa Police, Community Housing, the City and more.

Wednesday's celebration is for the 256 teens who completed the Youth Services Bureau program.

Program coordinator Steve Boucher says there is a wide variety of work opportunities among the record 88 employers who signed on to provide experience to teens this year.

"There are places from office work, administrative work to veterinarians office, to retail, to camps. It's basically whatever they want to try and see what they like we try our hardest to put them into that sort of placement for them," he said.

Boucher says the teens also learn how to build resumes and other life skills and in a new partnership with Accenture the teens in the program will have improved access to these kinds of resources in a new high tech space to help them successfully prepare for the workplace.

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