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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **City and Partners Celebrate Launch of Thousands of Summer Jobs for Philadelphia Youth**

#### **WHO:**

- Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney
- Cynthia F. Figueroa, Commissioner, the Philadelphia Department of Human Services
- Chekemma J. Fulmore-Townsend, President and CEO, Philadelphia Youth Network
- H. Patrick Clancy, President and CEO, Philadelphia Works
- Jim Dever, Market President, Bank of America
- Gregory Damas, WorkReady Past Participant

**WHAT:** The City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Youth Network celebrate the start of summer jobs on behalf of WorkReady which helps youth and young adults engage in meaningful summer employment. Mayor Kenney and other city officials, joined by WorkReady partners and supporters, will announce an additional \$1 million in funding by the City for the summer jobs program and discuss the benefits of early career exposure for young people.

**WHEN:** Monday, June 17, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Bank of America, 1600 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia PA 19103

**BACKGROUND:** WorkReady Philadelphia is a citywide effort to address the skills gap by convening partners, employers, leaders of youth-serving systems and youth to build a coordinated approach to preparing young people for future employment. The summer jobs program is funded by the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Works, businesses and philanthropy, and it is managed by the Philadelphia Youth Network. WorkReady stakeholders seek to give young people ages 12-24 access to a meaningful paid work experience that connects youth to caring adults and offers the opportunity to build the transferable skills required to secure and sustain employment. The City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services is the largest city funder of summer jobs on behalf of WorkReady.