Youth Employment Matters!
6.7 million young people are out of work and out of school.
Both the high school drop-out rate and the college-going rate disproportionately affects Black and Hispanic students.
Teenage Unemployment Rate by Race, Ages 16-19

Each “disconnected youth” costs society over $700,000.
KEY ELEMENTS OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Skills

Mentors

Internships
I thought I was providing real-life experiences but I learned along the way as well!

UA MENTOR (2014-15)
Urban Alliance provides professional development to under-resourced youth through a 10-month paid internship.
80%
There should be programs like [Urban Alliance] in every corner of this country.– Michelle Obama
Running programs like Urban Alliance means clearing **two unique hurdles**.
Should schools and districts view employment opportunities as learning opportunities?
Schools should encourage career training and job experiences by linking students to employers.
Employing Youth. Inspiring Excellence.
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