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Summer Work Experience with Mellette County

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor provided 17-year-old Natasha Six Toes a summer work experience opportunity with the Mellette County Register of Deeds.

Six Toes was one of nearly 800 young people, ages 14-24, who benefited from \$2.9 million in federal stimulus funds South Dakota received for job-training opportunities through the Summer Youth Work Experience program. The program helped them establish work histories, gain references, acquire new skills and build good work habits.

As an office assistant, Six Toes assisted the Register of Deeds with a variety of projects. She learned computer, research, and customer service skills; became familiar with legal descriptions and how to find points on the map; measured buildings and lots; and entered data from land records.

In addition, Six Toes assisted the Director of Equalization, Auditor and Treasurer offices as needed.

Six Toes' mother says her daughter gained self-confidence and learned to be more responsible as a result of the work experience.

Karen O'Brien with Mellette County Register of Deeds says Six Toes was wonderful to work with and was willing to learn anything.

Six Toes is a junior at White River High School. Her last day of work was Sept. 25.