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## **Summer Work Experience Helps Intern Gain Clinical Experience**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor provided 22-year-old Samantha White a summer clinical internship to assist her in completing schooling to earn her LPN license.

White 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 intern with Interlakes Medical Center in Madison, White gained experience in practical nursing duties related to patient care such as measuring vital signs, gathering information from patients, giving injections, and monitoring and reporting reactions to medications.

White attended Southeast Technical Institute so she could find a job within the nursing field to help support her and her child. She graduated on June 24.

The internship ended in June, but White's supervisor was so impressed with her abilities and desire to try new things that White has been kept as an on-call nurse until a permanent position may become available.