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DOL CONDUCTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Department of Labor on behalf of the Division of Training is pleased to announce its community outreach programs. Since **November 30, 2005**, the staff of the Division of Training, Youth Job Development, has visited various Virgin Islands Housing Authority community centers to conduct presentations on its programs and services such as *Life Skills Management Sessions, In-House and contracted computer training programs, vocational training and on-the-job training opportunities*. This initiative will continue until **Friday, January 27, 2006**.

Commissioner Cecil R. Benjamin states, "DOL's mission to develop and implement programs which will provide the territory with a viable workforce must address the needs of unskilled adults and youth, the economically disadvantaged, the unemployed, dislocated workers and individuals with serious barriers to gainful employment. We are very cognizant of the fact that many individuals are not aware of our current training programs. As a result, we decided to develop a community outreach initiative which will target this population." He further stated, "We will visit various community centers on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon on a rotating basis."

For a complete schedule of the dates and times for both districts, please contact **Ms. Charlene Hodge**, Youth Transition Coordinator, at **776-3700 ext. 2099** or email her at cmhodge@vidol.gov.