



Wyatt is 16 years old and heading into his senior year at North Warren High School, and he has his future mapped out, After he graduates, he is headed to the U.S. Air Force.

But first he is spending his summer working at the Town of Chester Transfer Station, where he is employed through Warren County's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), and he has quickly become an important part of the staff there.

Wyatt said he enjoys the job in part because every day is different. He helps residents unload their refuse and recyclables, helps sort materials and is trusted to work with landfill tickets as well. It's his second year working through SYEP at the Transfer Station.

"I really like helping people," he added, as he hustled over to a car that pulled up to help the driver unload recyclables.

One of his supervisors at the transfer station, Debbie Burch, said Wyatt has been a great addition for the busy summer season. The staff was happy to hear he would be returning after he impressed them in 2023.

"He's a good worker. He shows up on time and does his job," she said. "It's not a glamorous job but it pays. We're glad to have him."

Wyatt is one of 41 young people working this summer through Warren County SYEP, a federally funded program that provides work experience and training to qualified youth to help them develop skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

The program, overseen by Warren County Department of Workforce Development, provides workers for a variety of businesses, from government and non-profits to for-profit entities as well from late June to mid-August.

Applications for workers and host employers are accepted every [spring](#). [Learn more here](#).