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Blackwell Job Corps Center Participates in Great American Smokeout

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The Blackwell Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest residential job training program for economically disadvantaged youth. This program is free for eligible students and includes benefits such as career, technical, academic and life skills training, housing, and health care.

Part of the mission of Job Corps is to encourage students to participate in events to improve their health and show their support for their peers and the community. On Thursday, November 18th students and staff at the Blackwell Job Corps Center took part in the Great American Smokeout. This is an annual event held by the American Cancer Society to help people quit smoking or get them on their way. Aaron Hadley, TEAP Specialist at the Blackwell Job Corps Center, was in charge of the event and encouraged students and staff to kick the habit. Mr. Hadley organized many great events for the day and even provided candy and bubble gum for the students and staff, in lieu of cigarettes, so they could be on their way to a healthier lifestyle.

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is associated with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center serves 205 students. The USDA Forest Service operates 28 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers across 18 states with a capacity of 6,200 students. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information on the Center, please call (715)674-2311 or visit the website at <http://blackwell.jobcorps.gov>