

## **Ex-Offender/At Risk Youth**

- Now a permanent part of the Panel program, the Ex-Offender/At Risk Youth training program began as a pilot project in September 2007. The Panel implemented the Pilot project in order to provide critical job skills training and jobs to ex-offenders and youth at risk of becoming involved in gangs and/or criminal activities.
- Projects may be funded to serve either unemployed or employed individuals with a criminal record who are currently, or have been, in parole status; or young adults (18 to 23 years of age) who are deemed to be at risk for becoming involved in anti-social activities.
- Projects must emphasize training to support the long-term job preparation and job security of the ex-offender trainees, and/or training to assist at-risk youth in learning work skills and helping them find and succeed in a career path.
- Pre-apprenticeship training is a priority. Occupations trained under the Governor's Career Technology Education Initiative will be targeted. ETP recognizes the following occupations as, Career Technical Education (CTE), but not limited to; electrician, welder, certified nurse assistant, drafter, machine operator, computer operator.

**For further information regarding this program, please contact the ETP Regional Office in your area.**