

With the guidance and support of a Workforce Specialist, participants develop an individual strategy to achieve academic, personal and employment goals. Participants can also qualify for:



- » Academic assistance such as tutoring, study skills training, guidance & support to earn high school diploma, GED, and/or entering college or trade school
- » Support services (clothing, books, tuition, school/employment fees, transportation, etc.)
- » Employment opportunities and career exploration assistance
- » High school and college credit opportunities
- » Paid and unpaid work experiences including internships and job shadows
- » Work readiness skills training, career classes and vocational certifications
- » Leadership development opportunities and educational field trips
- » Counseling and mentoring
- » Post-secondary planning and follow-up

This award-winning program, operated by Educational Service District 112, combines employment training with academic support. It is funded by the Workforce Investment Act through Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council.

ESD 112 is an equal opportunity employer and provider of employment and training services. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities.

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“The Youth Workforce Program helped me reach my goals and presented many opportunities for personal & career growth. It made me feel like I had people on my side who wanted me to succeed just as much as I did. I gained valuable work experiences that I would not have been able to get anywhere else. I thrived in the program and continue to do so as I work toward achieving success in my life and my career.”

Chelsea, Youth Workforce Program Participant

# The Youth Workforce Program

is an innovative youth development program designed to improve education and employment outcomes for eligible participants ages 16-21.

Emphasis and resources are targeted at providing youth the assistance they need to graduate from high school, earn their GED, and/or move on to college or trade school. Participants can also receive job counseling and training, hands-on work experiences, and gain work readiness skills, which are needed for apprenticeships or jobs in high-demand fields such as health care and technology.

Eligible youth must be 16-21, low income and meet one of the following criteria:

- » Basic skills deficient
- » School drop-out or truant
- » Homeless/runaway or foster youth
- » Pregnant or parenting youth
- » Have a mental or physical disability
- » Drug/alcohol affected
- » Offender/involved with the justice system
- » Other serious barriers to employment

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