

Youth@Work Employment Services

Department of Economic Opportunity

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County residents ages 14 to 24, that have the right to work in the United States and may need to register for Selective Service if male at least 18 years of age. Priority youth populations are- school dropout, CalWORKs, Probation, Foster, Homeless, TAY, Low-Income households, LGBTQ+, an offender, pregnant or parenting, have a disability, or are an English language learner.

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Youth@Work builds on the Earn and Learn model by pairing paid work experience with a comprehensive and strategic set of employment, training and support services provided through a network of America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs).

Individualized Services

All Youth@Work participants receive assessments at enrollment to tailor services to the individual. Youth can access to work experience, work readiness, personal enrichment training, academic and career counseling, and advanced career services.

Work-Based Learning

Includes 20 hours of paid Personal Enrichment Training (PET) in a classroom setting that prepares youth with fundamental skills- Life Skills, Financial Literacy, Career Exploration, Work Ethics and Goal Setting- essential for success in the 21st Century workplace. The remaining 100 hours of paid work experience occur at a worksite in a public, non-profit, or private organization that is part of a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Upon completion of WBL Services, each youth is assessed for the need of additional levels of service.

Academic and Career Development

Consists of comprehensive services that place youth firmly on a career path in a high growth, in-demand industry sector. Each youth receives career planning and an individual plan with goals in- educational, academic, sector-driven job training, and/or employment. Additional services include, as needed: work experience, paid and unpaid internships, employment readiness workshops, financial literacy training, accelerated basic skills training, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeships, tutoring, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career development and entrepreneurial training and Supportive Services.

Advanced Career Services

Eligible youth ages 18 and older are offered additional, more rigorous career planning and training services. Placement in advanced training and/or attain and retain unsubsidized employment along youth participant's determined career path.

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