

Youth Employment Training

Program	Location(s)	Ages Served	Program Description	Contact Information	How to Enroll	Cost to Participants
Centro Latino -WIA	1208 S. 10 th St. Tacoma, WA 98405	Low-income youth, ages 14 to 21 (must have paperwork documenting legal residence in the Pierce County).	Academic tutoring, GED preparation, ESL, work experience, vocational training, and job placement services.	(253) 572-7717 or see website at http://www.centrolatino-ser.org	Contact or stop by Centro Latino to get an application. The completed application will determine eligibility for the program.	Free.
Goodwill STEPS -WIA	714 S. 27 th St. Tacoma, WA 98409	Low-income youth, ages 14 to 21 (must be Pierce County resident).	STEPS is a comprehensive, long-term, educational and employment program that provides youth with a variety of support systems through which they can develop a set of life and career goals, acquire training and experience, and eventually gain employment in their chosen field.	(253) 272-5166	Call or stop by Goodwill to get an application. The completed application will determine eligibility for the program.	Free.
GREAT	Tacoma Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium 3650 S. Cedar Street Tacoma, WA 98409	16-21 year old youth that currently are or have ever been in foster care.	Employment preparation including basic computer training, GED assistance, paid work experience and placement assistance into permanent employment. Two 12-week sessions per year: a winter session and a summer session for in-school youth.	Main Line: (253) 472-8094	Call for application.	Call for more information.

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Job Corps-Career Development Services System	917 Pacific Avenue Tacoma, WA 98402 Several programs throughout the Northwest.	16-24 year old U.S. citizens who meet income requirements (see website or contact recruiter).	Job Corps is a national residential training and employment program administered by the Department of Labor to address the multiple barriers to employment faced by disadvantaged youth throughout the United States. Students receive free training, free housing, free basic health care, internship opportunities and job placement assistance. Students can also earn high school diploma or GED.	Tacoma Recruiter, (253)572-7140	Call.	Free.
Labor Ready	3912 Portland Ave. East, Tacoma, WA 98404	18+.	Focuses on production, construction and cleaning-up.	(253)383-8909	Stop by and take a survey; if qualified, proceed to filling out an application	Free.
On Track Youth Program at My Service Mind –WIA	11016 Bridgeport Way SW Lakewood, WA 98499	14 to 21 year old Pierce County youth, in or out of school. Program focuses on Asian youth.	HOPE for success program provides occupational planning, personal leadership and educational attainment services. The office is open from 9am to 6pm M to F.	(253) 584-5615	Contact My Service Mind. There is an application process and documentation required.	Free.
Pathways at VADIS – WIA	1701 Elm Street Sumner, WA 98390	In-or-out of school youth ages 17 to 21 with disabilities.	Job search skills training, work experience, apprenticeship and employment, technical assistance to employers and support for job retention and wage progression.	(253) 863-5173, ext. 240 www.vadis.org	Call or stop by VADIS to get an application. The completed application will determine eligibility for the program.	Free.

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Work Source Youth Programs	1305 Tacoma Ave S. Tacoma, WA 98402	To participate in this program, a youth (ages 14-21) must be low-income and/or fall under one or more of the following categories: 1) deficient in basic literacy skills; 2) a school dropout; 3) homeless; 4) a runaway; 5) a foster child; 6) pregnant or a parent; 7) an offender; 8) requires additional assistance to complete education or secure and hold employment.	Youth Programs provide a comprehensive array of youth services that help low-income youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Program participants receive services such as occupational skills training, counseling, internships, job placements, mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, and support services.	Main Line: (253) 472-8094	Call or stop by the office for application and enrollment information.	Free.
Youth ART -Tacoma School of the Arts/Metro Parks	Call Metro Parks for details.	Serves economically disadvantaged and basic skills-deficient youth ages 14-21.	Serves economically disadvantaged and basic skills-deficient youth ages 14-21 through tutoring, mentoring, assistance in completing and continuing education and workplace transition and retention services.	(253) 305-1022	Call Metro Parks for details.	Free.

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Youth Project at Tacoma Community House –WIA	1314 South L St. Tacoma, WA 98405	Low-income youth, ages 14 to 21 (must be a Pierce County resident).	Offers several services to youth: mentoring paid internships, financial aid and scholarship assistance, after school tutoring, computer basics training, vocational counseling, career exploration dropout prevention, work readiness skills, job placement.	(253) 383-3951, or see website at www.tchonline.org	Call recruitment staff at 383-3951 to request an informational packet and to learn about the rest of the enrollment process.	Free.