Youth Services

A program to assist youth ages 16-24 in furthering their education and employment goals

Job Training  Resume  Job Leads
High School Equivalency  Computer Access  Career Exploration

Services Available Throughout Maricopa County

Southwest
124 S. 4th St.
Avondale, AZ 85323
623-882-9106
623-882-9107

Northeast
2150 E. Orange St.
Tempe, AZ 85281
480-350-5824
480-350-5825

Southeast
64 E. 1st St. (Lower Level)
Mesa, AZ 85201
480-644-2223
480-644-3503

Northwest
8335 W. Jefferson St.
Peoria, AZ 85346
623-878-0416

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Overview

We help out of school youth ages 16-24 return to education and/or find gainful employment. Enrolled youth participate in a year round program where they receive individualized support and the skills to become successful. These services are federally funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Our Youth Career Guidance Specialists partner with a variety of community agencies to offer a wide variety of services to enrolled youth.

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for Youth Services, out of school youth must be between the ages of 16-24, not attending any school and meet one or more of the following criteria:
- A school dropout
- Within the age of compulsory school attendance but has not attended for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter
- Holds a secondary school diploma or recognized equivalent, is low-income and is basic skills deficient or an English language learner.
- Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
- Homeless/Runaway
- In foster care or aged out of the foster care system
- Eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out of home placement
- Pregnant or parenting
- Has a disability
- Low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment

Available Services

The following services are available to enrolled youth to support their goals.
- Tutoring, study skills training, High School Equivalency instruction, evidence based dropout prevention and recovery strategies.
- Alternative secondary school services or dropout recovery services
- Paid and unpaid work experiences which may include:
  - Summer employment opportunities throughout the school year
  - Pre-apprenticeship programs
  - Internships and job shadowing
  - On the job training activities
- Occupational skills training
- Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster
- Leadership development opportunities
- Supportive services
- Adult mentoring for not less than 12 months
- Follow up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of the program
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Financial literacy education
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Services that provide labor market and employment information about in demand industry sectors or occupations available in the local area
- Activities that help youth prepare for and transition to post secondary education and training

To Apply

Contact an office near you, or email: WDDYouth@mail.maricopa.gov

These Youth Services are part of Maricopa County’s Human Services Department. We are a proud partner of both Arizona @ Work and The American Job Center Network. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Services are made available through federal funding provided by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.