

Youth Programs

GOODGUIDES™ YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

The GoodGuides Youth Mentoring Program provides structured, supportive relationships with trusted mentors that help youth build career plans and skills, complete school, access post-secondary training, and prepare for productive work.

GoodGuides will provide youth with at least two hours a month of services to facilitate career awareness, career planning, and career navigation skills.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Summer Youth Programs are intended to promote a student's transition from high school to post-secondary education, vocational training, or integrated employment. Services may include an evaluation of the consumer's vocational needs, instruction on vocational topics, independent living skills, and community based work experiences. Staff work with students to learn job tasks and skills needed in the workplace. Students are paid Ohio minimum wage for work time.

W.I.A. YOUTH WORKS

Youth Works provides paid training/work opportunities for out-of-school youth in Licking County, ages 16-21, including youth who have been suspended, expelled, have not graduated, or completed a GED. Clients will attend weekly Life Skills Training and may choose from curriculums in the Occupational Skill Training. Participants must meet designated guidelines for program eligibility. Program hours may vary. This program is partially funded by the Licking County Department of Job and Family Services.



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Mission:

Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. provides training, employment, and support services to individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.



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Program Offerings

CAREER INTEREST ASSESSMENT

Specialized program to assist clients in identifying vocational assets, aptitudes, interests, and potential barriers to employment. Program may include testing, community based assessments, labor market information, and occupational information.

CAREER INTEREST ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

9-hour workshop to explore career paths based on personality and strengths, and to identify employment barriers and devise strategies to overcome them. Program includes lectures, testing, group discussion, interactive activities, written materials, and out-of-classroom assignments.

COMMUNITY BASED ASSESSMENT

Provides clients an opportunity to sample a particular job of interest. Evaluations assess the client's capabilities, if the goal is realistic, and whether training should continue in the chosen career path. Allows clients to experience several job sites, each lasting only a few days.



JOB COACHING

One-on-one assistance for clients involved in training programs who may need intensive training and/or require a specialized training approach. Coaching can assist in learning job duties, quantity/quality of work standards, work place communication, interpersonal skills, and appropriate work behaviors.



JOB DEVELOPMENT

Assists clients in learning the skills necessary to access employment opportunities and obtain employment. Includes instruction and assistance in resume development, job applications, proper work attitude, grooming/hygiene, interpersonal skills, and interviewing skills.

JOB RETENTION

Working with clients and employers to problem solve and remove any barriers to job retention. Involves follow-up phone calls and/or visits to the job site as determined by the referring counselor, Voc Rehab Specialist, and/or the client. Specialists work closely with the client, employer, and co-workers to support the client in removing barriers to job retention.

JOB TRY-OUT

Opportunity for clients to perform a specific job of interest, which may lead to employment. This program ensures the client, Voc Rehab Specialist, referring counselor, and the employer that the client can perform the necessary job tasks.

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Teaches behavior skills, interpersonal skills, life management skills, and career skills. Includes training in customer service, building successful relationships, self-confidence, family dynamics, transportation issues, housing, productivity, and emphasizes gaining a sense of control over the client's environment. Each area has its own curriculum and workbook.

What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Goodwill Vocational Rehabilitation is a series of programs used to assist an individual's transition into the workforce. Real life people needing real life services is what Goodwill is about. The referring agency is billed for services provided and will be kept informed of a client's progress through written reports and evaluations completed by Goodwill's Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists. For more information, please call (740) 345-9861 ext. 212.

OCCUPATIONAL SKILL TRAINING

Specialized curriculums for job specific training to employer specifications; including safety practices, workplace literacy, and numeric skills specific to the occupation.

Curriculums:

- Auto Detailing
- Basic Office Skills
- Day Care
- Indoor Maintenance
- Laundry Services
- Outdoor Maintenance
- Warehouse Processing
- Auto Repair
- Computer Repair
- Food Service
- Janitorial
- Light Manufacturing
- Retail

SUPPORTIVE VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Services may include such tasks as: assisting the consumer obtaining employment verification documents, purchasing appropriate work clothing; purchasing gas cards and/or transportation vouchers; arranging childcare and housing; getting medication; and assisting consumer access other community resources.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

During the course of a two-day workshop, a veteran receives the resources necessary to obtain and maintain employment. Those resources include interest assessment, resume and cover letter preparation, master application, interviewing skills, how to obtain job leads, and how to meet the expectations of their employer.

WORK ADJUSTMENT

Specialized training in obtaining work behaviors necessary to gain and maintain employment in the community. Program includes proper work habits, social skills, quantity/quality of work, hygiene, acceptance of supervision, and safety awareness.