



## CAREER ACADEMY ACCELERATOR YMCA

For many young people, a job is the key to success in other areas of their lives. Employment and the financial stability that comes with it can help a young person get off the streets and into an apartment, pay for college credit, and support their family during a time of financial struggle. Career Academy provides wrap-around services with a focus on education and employment to help teens and young adults achieve their goals for college, career, and life.

### EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS



#### CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

This 12-week program places young people experiencing homelessness into paid internships throughout King County. Youth receive one-on-one support and participate in skill-building workshops including resume writing and mock interviews. Participants are often offered paid positions at the end of their internship.



#### CAREER COACHING PROGRAM

Participants are matched with mentors throughout King County to explore fields that interest them and to learn more about the industry. Mentors provide career support and advice and help participants build skills so they can reach their long-term employment goals.



#### PATHWAYS TO CAREERS

We provide pathways for young people to connect with local businesses and major corporations for paid internship and employment opportunities to pave their way for future success. Case managers and skilled volunteers work alongside young people to prepare them for employment through a variety of employment readiness workshops and trainings.

In addition to these employment programs, we provide an array of holistic services to more than 1,700 young people annually through our drop-in resource center.

#### Center for Young Adults Services Include:

- Education
- Housing
- Employment
- Life Skills
- Mental Health
- Social Events



## EDUCATION SERVICES ACCELERATOR YMCA

When young people have the tools and resources they need to reach their fullest potential, our entire community benefits. Students facing adversity in their lives struggle to stay in school, perform well, and connect with peers, teachers, and other positive mentors. Less than half of youth in foster care graduate from high school, and four out of five high schoolers who are homeless are below grade level in reading and math. The Accelerator YMCA offers a network of support to help young people earn degrees, gain job-related skills, and become tomorrow's leaders.

### EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



#### GED & DIPLOMA SUPPORT

Knowledgeable, caring staff provide support to youth in foster care transitioning from high school to college. This program includes personalized case management to help with high school graduation, GED completion, and applications for college or trade school.



#### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

YTech provides young people with the technology skills they need to be successful leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Young people with low/no technology access at home learn basic computer, photo and video skills through after school and summer programming.



#### INTERAGENCY ACADEMY

The Interagency Academy is an alternative learning environment located at the Seattle Vocational Institute for individuals who struggle to learn in a traditional school environment. Students have a flexible schedule and participate in small classes working toward their GED or final high school credits while setting the path for their college or career goals.



#### GET ENGAGED

In partnership with the City of Seattle, young adults are connected with opportunities to get engaged in decisions that affect their city by serving as members on boards and commissions. Get Engaged fosters long-term citizen participation in government and builds a bridge for the City to effectively include young adults in decision-making.