

Overcoming barriers to Independent Living since 1977

Youth Employment Program (YEP)

Summer 2023 Overview

Please contact Youth@CPWD.org with any questions about this curriculum

Build Confidence and Find Employment

We will provide opportunities for each youth to learn about their selves, build confidence, and feel empowered to seek educational or employment opportunities.

Learning opportunities will include classroom-based education, interactive activities, guest speakers, informational interviews, and workplace tours.

What will we learn?

Week 1: Understanding Employment and Identifying Skills

Tuesday, June 13th 9am – 1pm

- Learn about the expectations and responsibilities in the workplace
- Explore self to gain knowledge of skills and how those skills transfer to employment
- Learn how to identify jobs where you will excel based on interests and skills

Thursday, June 15th 9am – 1pm

• Workplace Tour: Adams 12 Schools – Employment Opportunities

Week 2: Continuing Education

Tuesday, June 20th 9am – 1pm

- Discover continuing education opportunities and funding or scholarships available
- Explore what each students wants to learn and develop a plan to achieve the knowledge and skills
- Review the expectations and accommodations available at different continuing education environments

Thursday, June 22nd 9am – 1:30pm*

Workplace Tour: Teaching the Autism Community Trades (TACT)
*Note later pick up time

Week 3: Job Search and Highlighting Skills

Tuesday, June 27th 9am – 1pm

- Learn about the process to obtain employment: resume, job application
- Learn and practice highlighting skills, talents, and interests to get the job they want and enjoy
- Explore the online job search process and create a profile for online job search
- Review resources available for support when ready to search for employment Thursday, June 29th 9am 1pm
 - Workplace Tour: Costco

(Break on July 4 and 6 for the Holiday)

Week 4: Self-advocacy and Disability Rights

Tuesday, July 11th 9am – 1pm

- Learn about the history of disability rights
- Learn about accommodations
- Explore each students own disability
- Learn how to disclose your disability and request accommodations
- Practice advocating for yourself in the workplace

Thursday, July 13th 9am – 1pm

• Workplace Tour: Chick-Fil-A

Week 5: Dress for Success and Interviews

Tuesday, July 18th 9am – 1pm

- Learn about proper hygiene
- Learn how to dress properly for an interview
- Learn how to interview for a job
- Practice interviewing for a job to improve confidence

Thursday, July 20th 9am – 1 pm

• Workplace Tour: Trail Winds Recreation Center

Week 6: Reflection and Practice

Tuesday, July 25th 9am – 1pm

- Reflect on what the students have learn
- Mock interviews and feedback
- Interactive role-playing to feel confident utilizing skills learn

Thursday, July 27th 9am – 1pm

• Workplace Tour: Boondock's

*Workplace tours subject to change