

Department of Workforce Services



Are you ready



for a change?

Your Success Starts Here!
Eligible youth ages 14–21

WIA Youth Program

What this program can help you do:



- Develop skills to become more employable
- Make career choices based on your personal interests and jobs in demand
- Become successful as an adult

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

—Plato

How to qualify for the program:

- Be between the ages of 14 and 21
- Verify citizenship or eligibility to work in the U.S.
- Meet the WIA Youth criteria and income guidelines
- Have a desire to succeed and be willing to apply yourself



Are you:



- Out of school?
- A foster child or aged out at 18?
- Pregnant or parenting?
- Homeless or a runaway?
- An offender?
- Disabled?
- A refugee?
- Native american?

Do you:

- Suffer from substance or domestic abuse?
- Have an incarcerated parent?

Services we offer:

- Career planning and job search assistance
- Leadership/volunteer opportunities
- Mentoring
- Internships, on-the-job training
- Guidance counseling
- Basic skills assistance
- Connections to alternative programs and other resources
- Funding for post secondary training
- Other support to help you overcome obstacles



What we expect from you:

- Set goals and actively participate in your employment plan
- Attend all appointments
- Maintain contact with your employment counselor (*return phone calls and letters, reschedule missed appointments, report address and phone changes, etc.*)



If you don't participate:

- Your employment counselor will take action on your case which may result in your case being closed

Your counselor will work with you to resolve the issues before a decision is made. Your success is riding on your 100% participation.



We offer cash incentives for the following achievements:



- Completing your high school diploma, adult ed. diploma or GED
- Increasing your GPA or training program progress
- Completing a training program
- Participating in or completing a leadership activity
- Getting a job and working at least 20 hours per week

Other incentives can be negotiated

How to apply:

- Complete an application for training services by logging into your **my job search** account on **jobs.utah.gov**

Once your application is submitted you have 45 days to complete the eligibility process

- Provide your birth certificate and income verification
- Complete TABE or other testing

Your counselor determines your eligibility and completes enrollment. Once enrolled, an employment plan must be completed and signed. Then you will receive a Ucard VISA within 7–10 days.

