

## Youth Center Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Q: Who does the Youth Center serve?***

A: The Youth Center can serve any youth, who is a RI resident, and between the ages of 14 to 24. The Youth Center has two funding sources that dictate how a youth can be served; our federal funding (Workforce Investment Act- WIA) allows for much more comprehensive services to youth but also requires very specific eligibility documentation. Our federal funding allows the program to place youth in subsidized employment, pay for certain costs associated with training and/or GED programming and, overall, serve youth in a much more comprehensive way. Our state funding (Job Development Funding- JDF) allows for resume development, outside referral, tutoring and supported job searches. Youth Center Services include, but are not limited to: academic support, job placement, career counseling, and referral to long term training and/or post secondary education as well as GED programming.

### ***Q: Are there income guidelines?***

A: There are income guidelines for our federally funded program. The program calls for income eligibility plus an additional barrier. The eligibility is as follows:

#### **WIA Eligibility:**

Ages 14-21 inclusive (at the time of registration) **and**  
Legal residents of the State of RI **and** their local Workforce Area  
Documented Low Income as defined by the WIA section 101 (25) **and**  
Within one or more of the following barriers:

- Deficient in basic literacy skills – A score of 8.9 or below on a standardized test
- One or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate for their age
- School dropout
- Homeless, runaway or foster child
- Pregnant or parenting youth
- Offender
- Youth with a Disability

**Documentation is required for: Age, Address, US Citizenship/Alien Status, Social Security Number and Income. Males over the age of 18 will be required to provide proof of Registration with Selective Service.**

Low-income individuals must meet the Workforce Investment Act income guidelines, not to exceed 70% of the Lower Living Standards. The 2009 LLSIL is listed below for reference. These guidelines may be revised for 2010, in which case the newer figures will be used for eligibility.

**2009 70% LLSIL** (Use 6-mo. figures in determining income eligibility)

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
6 Months	\$5,415	\$7,789	\$10,690	\$13,196	\$15,574	\$18,212
Annual	\$10,830	\$15,578	\$21,739	\$26,392	\$31,148	\$36,424

***Q: Where is the YOUTH CENTER located?***

A: We have Youth Centers located at various places throughout the east bay, including the Weaver Building in East Providence and the Newport Boys and Girls Club, and we have satellite offices at EP High School, Mt. Hope High School, Portsmouth High School, Rogers High School and the Rogers Free Library (Bristol). Additionally, Youth Center staff can meet youth at various locations that are convenient for youth, throughout the service delivery area.

***Q: Do you provide training?***

A: The Youth Center can refer youth to outside training providers but also conducts group and individual training on topics such as job readiness, career planning and financial literacy.

***Q: Are there costs associated with participation?***

A: There are no costs associated with enrolling in, and being served by, the Youth Center. There may be costs associated with services that youth may access outside of the Youth Center (for example, GED). The Youth Center makes every effort to negate the costs of services a youth needs to access. In some instances the Youth Center pays for fees associated with GED, training or post secondary education (when applicable).