

Programs and Services that Teach, Train, and Support



Employment

- **Career Pathways** identifies youth ages 17 to 20 who are not on track to attend a college or university and offers them opportunities to gain experience and certification in fields of interest that can lead to careers. The program is structured with a diverse collaborating team of six career pathway specialists who support youth by:
 - Becoming industry experts.
 - Identifying career interests.
 - Visiting programs and/or worksites to troubleshoot any matters/concerns.
 - Creating job leads and identifying employment opportunities.



Collectively, the specialists provide support for youth in the industries of customer service, cosmetology, IT, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, construction, medical, hospitality, culinary arts, fire/police, transportation, DC Government, and military.

Career Pathways includes career assessment, identification of vocational options, and assistance in accessing training and/or work experience with the goal of obtaining sustainable employment.

In partnership with the Department of Employment Services (DOES), Career Pathways provides ongoing job readiness training and employment assistance.

Career Pathways also partners with the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to provide vocational support to youth with special needs. Co-located at OYE, an RSA specialist assists with career planning, program placement, and employment support.

Youth in care will gain the necessary skills to enter the workforce in their field of choice as they move towards independence. To enroll, youth should contact Career Pathways Supervisor Sabrina Dawson, sabrina.dawson@dc.gov or (202) 727-7935.



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