

Employment and Education

Our Vocational Readiness program provides a spectrum of support services to equip youth in exploring and reaching their education and employment goals.

The three primary ways we do this are:

Youth Jobs

Through our Youth Jobs initiative, youth are matched with an employer in the community and their wages are subsidized by Northwest Youth Services. They apply and interview for a short-term, part-time, employment opportunity which often provides the footing and experience needed to gain more long-term, permanent employment in the community.

We Grow

We Grow is a partnership program with Growing Alliances where youth are employed to work in a community garden. During their time in the garden youth learn hard and soft skills, like accountability and follow through. They also learn gardening and sustainable agriculture skills. Produce is made available to the youth, sold at the garden market stand or donated.



1:1 Support

Youth have the opportunity to meet 1:1 with a vocational support specialist to focus on their individual education or employment goals. This often entails resume building, completing job searches or prepping for an upcoming interview. This time is centered around the identified goals of each young person.

In a 2018 survey of youth we serve, unemployment and a lack of job skills were identified as the most significant barriers in meeting goals.

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Youth Served
in 2018