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Let YJC Work For You and Your Career- The Evolving Path

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9-10 am

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The Evolving Path



- Career Pathways systems provide a framework for organizing and formally aligning the education, workforce, and supportive services needed to guide a wide range of individuals successfully through the continuum of education and training courses that are necessary for credential attainment and family supporting careers [The Evolution and Potential of Career Pathways](#)
- The earliest programs tested strategies for helping youth make successful transitions from secondary education to postsecondary education/training and employment (e.g., Career Academies, High Schools That Work, Tech-Prep, and School-to-Work). They aligned academic and occupational learning and worked closely with employers.
- Later programs focused on similar strategies for helping low-skilled adults attain postsecondary credentials and family-supporting employment leading the way for further state and local Career Pathways development.



The Evolving Path



The Six Key Elements identified in the joint framework are actions that states, and local areas can take to develop and implement Career Pathways systems:

1. Build Cross-System Partnerships
2. Engage Employers/Identify Key Industry Sectors
3. Design Education and Training Programs that Meet the Needs of Participants
4. Identify Funding for Sustainability and Scale
5. Align Policies and Programs
6. Align Cross-System Data and Performance Measurement Serves youth in the Chicagoland area for nearly 40 years.

Systems-building strategies such as collaboration, system alignment, and course sequencing/articulation agreements were highlighted in a number of studies as important to program success.



Mission & Background



- Our Mission: Success for young people, in the workplace and in life.
- YJC provides job readiness, employment placement and certified training in various Career Pathways for job seekers 14-25 years old.
- Serves youth in the Chicagoland area for nearly 40 years.
- Headquartered in Evanston, YJC has accessible workforce satellites conveniently located throughout Chicago and the south suburbs.

Five-Star Workforce Partner



Our Client Services Include:

- ★ Work Readiness Training
- ★ Job Placement Assistance
- ★ Career Pathway Certification Opportunities
- ★ Paid Work Experiences
- ★ Barrier Reduction Assistance

Work Readiness Training



- Career Exploration
- Workforce Development
 - Resume Building
 - Effective Communication
 - Workplace Expectations
- Importance of Branding
- Financial Planning



Job Placement



Direct Employer Referral:

- Application Support
- Guaranteed Interview
- Mock Interview Practice



Employer Partners



Career Pathways Program



HOW YJC HELPS:

- Coach clients towards employment/internship goal
- Explore education/training opportunities

TARGET GROUP:

- Cook County Residents
- 16-24 years old, not enrolled in school
- Seeking employment, education or career certification



Career Pathways Training Programs



- YJC partners with reputable and respected training providers
- YJC pays up to \$8,000 in tuition cost through WIOA (Work Innovation Opportunity Act)
- After successfully completing training, YJC coaches the client with job placement to begin a career in their selected industry



Career Pathway Occupations

Healthcare

Nursing Assistant (CNA), Patient Care Technician,
Medical Sonographer, Dental Assistant,
Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, EMT

Transportation and Logistics / Manufacturing

Electrician, HVAC Technician, CDL/Truck Driver,
Plumbers, Welding, Carpenters, Construction

Maintenance

Automotive Technicians,
Bus & Truck Technicians,
Aircraft Mechanics

Information Technology

Computer Support Specialist, Graphic Designer
Computer Programmer, Web Developer,
Information Security Analyst

Hospitality

Retail Worker/Sales Representative,
Cosmetology

Business & Professional Services

Legal Assistant, Human Resource Specialist,
Administrative Office Managers, Accounting

Paid Work Experience



Internship:

- 10-week internship at a local business
- Minimum wage \$15 x 30 hours per week = \$450

Barrier Reduction Assistance



**TRANSPORTATION
SUPPORT**



**INTERVIEW &
UNIFORM ATTIRE**



**EQUIPMENT &
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



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CAREER ADVISING**



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MENTORING**



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