California One-Stop Centers help you find a job!

There are many services available to help current and former foster youth find a job or enroll in a job-training program. Current and former foster youth aged 14-21 can receive many services at One-Stop Centers in their communities.

- Tutoring and study skills
- Help with GED and other high school alternatives
- Summer employment
- Paid and unpaid work experience - internships and job shadowing
- Occupational skills training
- Leadership development opportunities
- Supportive services
- Mentoring
- Guidance and counseling including drug and alcohol abuse.

For more information on finding a job, see: California Job-Seeking. You can also click on One-Stop Center to find one near you. For more information on One-Stop Centers, see: California One-Stops.

Other Job Resources

There are many web-sites that list available entry-level jobs in your area. Try these to start:

Information on entry-level employment jobs for youth aged 16-24:
Entry-Level Career Search & Professional Networking Community

Job Search Guide by California region:
Jobstar Central

Other Programs

Job Corps
Job Corps is a program for 16-24 year olds that provides a place to live, medical care, vocational training, and a GED. Students live on the Job Corps campus while they receive vocational training for a job. This program is free. For more information about Job Corps, call 1-800-733-JOBS or visit the Job Corps.

Americorps
Americorps provides a living allowance, health insurance, training, and a $4,275 education award to help pay for college or vocational training for serving full-time in community service. Young people can live on campus or on their own. For more information, visit Americorps.

Conservation Corps
The California Conservation Corps is a residential program for 18-23 year olds that has a motto of "hard work, low pay, miserable conditions... and more!" Members of the Conservation Corps
live on a campus and are paid to do day to day conservation work and provide emergency response to floods, fires, oil spills, and earthquakes. For more information call: 1-800-952-JOBS or visit the Conservation Corps.

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)
The Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) is intended to provide services to youth ages 15 through 21 to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals. They provide:

- Peer Advising and mentoring
- Referrals to supportive services
- Job referral and placement assistance
- YEOP workshops
- Referrals to training

Contact your local Employment Development Department (EDD) job service.

For more information on any of these opportunities for current and former foster youth, call the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman at: 1-877-846-1602!