



OUT OF SCHOOL, NOT OUT OF OPPORTUNITY

WORKFORCE ALLIANCE FUNDS PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS TO GET TRAINING, JOBS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (Feb. 19, 2019) Youth and young adults living in South Central CT who are not currently enrolled in high school or college can get training, earn certificates and find jobs through multiple programs now recruiting for Spring 2019.

Workforce Alliance is funding six community agencies in South Central CT to offer youth and young adults between 16 and 24 years old with tuition assistance, academic help, internships and job placement assistance. Youth and young adults also connect with high school diploma or GED completion, as needed, and guidance toward higher education.

Participating South Central CT agencies include Children’s Community Program of CT, Community Renewal Team, Gateway Community College, Higher Heights, the Tri-Town Collaborative of Meriden, Middletown and Wallingford, and Women and Families Center.

New this year: **Project CEO**, offered at the New Haven American Job Center, will provide leadership skills, access to training, and job development in desired careers that allow young adults to become the “CEO” of their future.

Programs are open to residents from 30 towns in South Central CT including Bethany, Branford, Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Haven, Essex, Guilford, Haddam Hamden, Killingworth, Madison, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Old Saybrook, Orange, Portland, Wallingford, West Haven, Westbrook and Woodbridge.

Community Renewal Team focuses on Middlesex County and the Tri-Town Collaborative recruits a cohort each from Meriden, Wallingford and Middletown. All other programs are open to 16-24-year-olds from all 30 towns.

Participation is free for eligible applicants and funded by Workforce Alliance, South Central CT’s Workforce Development Board, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. Eligibility is set by federal guidelines. For details, visit:
<http://www.workforcealliance.biz/youth/out-school-young-adults>

The following are brief summaries and important links for programs NOW RECRUITING. Those interested should *contact the programs directly*. Workforce Alliance and American Job Center staff work with each program to verify eligibility and follow through on goals.

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***NEW* PROJECT CEO**

Program Contact: [Kaliuha Spears-Burgess](#) (203) 624-1493 x 228

Paid work experience, leadership skills development and support services through the American Job Centers. Classroom and on-the-job training options with a wide range of approved programs and employers. Open to ages 16-24 who are not currently enrolled in school. Orientations are ongoing.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF CT

Program Contact: [Rosetta Washington](#) (203) 786-6403 Ext. 116

Be placed in a work-based learning experience or occupational skills training. All students participate in job readiness classes and community service activities and receive job search help. Training options include Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Security Guard.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM

Program Contact: [Julie Sapia-Bryant](#) (860) 347-6924 Ext. 232

In collaboration with [Middlesex Community College](#), [Middlesex Chamber of Commerce](#), and [Middletown Adult Education](#), [CRT](#) prepares for and places graduates into employment based on regional employer needs. Includes work readiness and vocational training. Youth who lack the a GED or High School Diploma receive instruction to obtain either. Post-secondary skills training at Middlesex Community College includes medical coding assistant, patient care technician, personal trainer, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy technician, security guard, precision manufacturing, Green Technology, Microsoft office or ServSafe food safety. Job placement assistance upon graduation.

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Program Contact, Tom Gaudioso, (203) 285-2298

Attend GCC through [The GREAT Center](#) for non-credit workforce and basic skills training. All youth participate in work readiness and financial literacy workshops as a part of their overall training. Training options include Business Professional/Customer Service & Sales, IT Help Desk Technician or Distribution & Supply Chain Logistic Associate with Power Industrial Forklift certification.

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Upcoming Information Sessions at GCC: Feb. 4 and Feb. 12

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HIGHER HEIGHTS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Program Contact: [Chaka Felder McEntire](#) (203) 498-1087

Higher Heights Information Technology Certification Program offers hands-on experiences to students through the Microsoft Academy Program. Students gain up to three industry standard certifications such as [Microsoft Office Specialist](#), [CompTIA A+ and Network+](#). job placement assistance upon completion.

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TRI-TOWN COLLABORATIVE, WALLINGFORD-MERIDEN-MIDDLETOWN

Program Contact: [Julie Roebelen](#) (203) 379-2567

The Tri-Town Collaborative is partnership of the [Meriden](#), [Middletown](#) and [Wallingford](#) Adult Education offices. It offers academic support and job readiness skills to cohorts from each town, while also improving their academic skills. Students without a high school diploma or GED will receive one of the following: high school diploma through the Credit Diploma Program, a GED™, or a NEDP (National External Diploma Program) credential. Youth already having a high school credential will immediately enter an approved community college certificate program in health professions, manufacturing or human services.

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WOMEN & FAMILIES CENTER

Program Contact: [Tanesha Hunter](#) (203) 235-9297 Ext. 131

Women & Families Center Open DOHR program provides enrollment for skills training at [Middlesex Community College](#) (Meriden and Middletown campuses) and [Middletown Adult Education](#). Training selections include Certified Nursing Assistant, Human Services Assistant or Emergency Medical Technician. Work experiences coordinated at sites in and around Greater Meriden and Middletown and other towns where participants may reside or travel. Job placement assistance included.

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