

## **Goodwill Youth Services**

The Goodwill Youth Learning Center provides a comprehensive set of education and employment services to foster positive youth development. Services are provided at no cost to youth ages 16-24.

Goals of promoting positive youth development include:

- Promoting positive relationships with peers
- Emphasizing youths' strengths
- Providing opportunities to learn healthy behaviors
- Connecting youth with caring adults
- Empowering youth to assume leadership roles in their communities
- Challenging youth in ways that build their confidence and competence

## **Youth Services**

### **Pre-Enrollment Workshops**

Youth will attend a four-day pre-enrollment workshop that emphasizes life skills and job readiness. During this workshop, a pre-test on basic reading and math skills is given to determine current skill levels.

### **General Equivalency Diploma (GED) classes**

GED services consist of self-paced computer and textbook lessons and one-on-one sessions with education specialists. Schedules are individualized and determined by the education specialist. Youth are provided work and assistance based on their skill level.

### **College Transition Assistance**

Youth preparing for and attending college receive assistance with the FAFSA application, SAT/ACT prep, the college selection, application and scholarship process and participate in college tours and fairs.

### **Workshops**

These weekly sessions facilitated by community groups, employers, representatives from local colleges and universities, Youth Services' peer support workers and Goodwill staff focus on education, employment, life skills and finance.

### **Job Readiness**

A working session for job searchers to prepare résumés, write cover letters, develop reference sheets, fill out job applications, participate in mock interviews and take career interest inventories. Youth will also participate in job shadowing to get hands on experience in their field of interest.

### **Job Training**

When job training assistance is provided, youth can expect to complete training with a state or nationally recognized certification. Assistance is limited and based on available funding. Job training assistance is available only to Marion County residents.

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## **Job Placement Assistance**

Goodwill's youth staff provides job leads and job referrals to youth who are participating or have participated in job readiness sessions. Youth can obtain assistance in looking for temporary or permanent placement.

## **Job Retention**

Youth receive assistance maintaining a job with the support of Goodwill's youth staff, who maintains contact with employers to help remove barriers to keeping jobs and assists with training to upgrade current skills.

## **Mentoring**

Youth are connected with a mentor and other caring adults who meet regularly to help improve self-sufficiency, enhance academic performance, build social capital and access community resources.

## **Community Action Projects**

Youth are mobilized for involvement in community service by empowering them with knowledge to help their community and others.

## **Goodwill Day Reporting Program**

Provides highly structured, education-focused and well supervised group activities for juveniles involved in the criminal justice system. Family Support Coordinators work to ensure youth attend court appearances and meet the goals of their probation. This allows the youth to remain in their homes and participate in appropriate activities that will lead to academic success and appropriate life choices. The Day Reporting Program is a community-based alternative to residential placements for high-risk youth both prior to and post disposition. Youth are referred by Marion County Juvenile Probation or Juvenile Court.

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