The Mission

We provide education, training, and support services to individuals facing educational and economic barriers to their transition to college and careers. Through our programs and collaborations with community resources, we equip learners with the skills to achieve their goals. We strive to engage learners in a supportive environment with compassion, respect, and flexibility to ensure enduring success.

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What is WIOA Youth?

WIOA Youth offers eligible out-of-school youth, ages 16 to 24 years, an opportunity to participate in training for certificate and degree programs that will assist them in obtaining marketable skills for employment in their desired field of study or to explore careers and enter the workforce in their chosen profession.

WIOA Youth provides eligible students a full array of support services to assist them to reach their fullest potential. Including Work Based Learning (WBL), a unique program that gives students a real world experience in their chosen field in a unique partnership program with local employers.

Programs Available for Work Based Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Training Includes:

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

WIOA Youth Program

Helping the Youth of DeKalb County
Explore Their Future
Eligible youth can benefit by utilizing WIOA as a Student or as a Job-Seeker Participant.

Choose the option the fits your individual need!

**Benefits to Students**

**WIOA Participation includes:**
- Career counseling & support
- Tuition & fees
- Textbooks & class supplies
- Mileage reimbursement to & from class
- Employment readiness training
- Referral to community services
- Job shadowing

**Work-Based Learning**
Students gain work experience in their chosen field with a local employer. Students learn the ins & outs of what working in the field is like on a day-to-day basis and how the skills and information they are learning in their classes are directly linked to the work world.

**Benefits to Job-Seekers**

**WIOA Participation includes:**
- Career counseling & support
- Matching job-seeker to available position based on interest & skills
- Soft skills support & training
- Resources to support job-seekers in the search & match process
- Job shadowing

**Work-Based Learning**
Selecting career areas of interest and being matched with an employer gives Job Seekers the opportunity to see if the career they have selected is actually a good fit. This also gives students an opportunity to impress a prospective employer for possible future employment or to gain a work-related reference for employment with other companies or organizations.

**Benefits to Employers**

**Work-Based Learning Participation includes:**
- Offering an opportunity to directly influence young people, the community’s future workforce
- Demonstrating the link between academic knowledge/skills and the workplace
- Seeing future employees in an extended “interview” on the job
- Receiving free background checks on WIOA Youth employees
- Receiving free health/physical screenings on WIOA Youth employees
- No cost