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## Assisting Youth Will Build A Better Future For Your Community



The YouthReady Consortium has developed a youth program to assist both in-school and out-of-school youth in thirteen counties within the Region VI Workforce Investment Board Region. These counties include: Monongalia, Preston, Marion, Taylor, Harrison, Doddridge, Barbour, Lewis, Gilmer, Braxton, Upshur, Randolph, and Tucker.

The YouthReady Program involves employers, parents, educators, and other community members in building a brighter future for today's youth.

Contact a YouthReady member today to find out how to become a partner in the implementation of the YouthReady Program. Your assistance in this endeavor will greatly improve your community and instill in youth good work habits that can benefit your business.



Workforce and Education Partnering for Youth



# Looking for Success? Try Youth Ready! \$\$\$



## YouthReady

A Program for In-School and Out-of-School Youth funded by the Region VI Workforce Investment Board

# YouthReady Program

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 has sparked a call to action in West Virginia to improve education, training and job opportunities for youth.

The Region VI Workforce Investment Board provides comprehensive programming for



youth 14-21 years of age, through a contracted service with providers who have partnered throughout a thirteen county region and developed a comprehensive program known as the YouthReady Program. Collaboration and coordination, not duplication are the ultimate goals of the YouthReady Program.

Partnerships are key to our success. Through partnerships, we can create opportunities for youth and advantages for any organization. No matter what business you are in, everyone benefits from the chance to shape and mold future employees. Take advantage of an opportunity in changing lives of youth, who are seeking to make a better life for themselves.

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## Out of School Activities

Studies indicate that many youth are willing to work, but lack the knowledge or experience of the "World of Work." The Region VI YouthReady Program provides youth an opportunity to develop good work habits to better prepare them for exciting careers. Youth are involved in hands-on training at actual job sites of their desired goal, strictly adhering to individual competency-based outlines.



Work opportunities are provided through participation in the following activities:

**Occupational Exploration (OE) and/or Occupational Exploration Towards Employment (OETE)** provides youth with work skills necessary to acquire full-time employment.

**Job Shadowing/Unpaid Work Experience** is similar to OE except it deals with the private-for-profit and public/private non-profit sectors.

**On-the-Job Training (OJT)** provides occupational skills training with various employers. At the conclusion of youth training he/she will have an opportunity for fulltime employment.

### **Mentoring and Support Services**

**Leadership Development** is a principle-centered leadership program that provides youth with knowledge, skills, and solid work values.

**Occupational Skills Training** is being provided through internal/external resources: community colleges and technical schools, community-based service providers, and proprietary schools.

**Alternative School/Basic Training.** When appropriate, youth will be encouraged to return to school or attend adult basic education classes to obtain his/her high school equivalency diploma.

## YouthReady Program provides In School Activities

### **Tutoring, Study Skills Training**

YouthReady works with in school youth and educators to improve basic and study skills.

**Alternative Secondary School:** RESA works with in school youth who are unable to succeed in the traditional school environment and are placed into an alternative learning center. This includes youth receiving homebound instruction or home schooling.

**Employment Opportunities:** The YouthReady Program Employment Component for In-school youth is a wage earning and job skills development program offered in all our counties, to all enrollees throughout the year. Participants will be paid a minimum per hour wage of \$6.55 for a maximum of 30 hours per week. The maximum number of hours in the component is 60.

### **Other In-School Services**

include Leadership Development, Support Services, Adult Mentoring, Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance, Occupational Training, Paid and Unpaid Work Activities and Follow-up Services.



### **Youth Advisory Council**

Fundamental to all Region VI programs is input from key stakeholders which is valuable to the continuous efforts of improving program quality and employer relations. The Youth Council meets periodically to discuss program operations that will address both employer and employment requirements.