

* Eligibility For Out-of-School Youth...



Age

Youth must be at least 14 but not older than 21 years of age at the start of the selected program.

Family Income

Youth must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:



- Receiving Cash Public Assistance
- Economically disadvantaged
- Receiving Food Stamps or determined eligible in the last 6 months
- Homeless
- Publicly supported foster child
- Individual with a disability (as defined by WIA)

Youth Barriers

Youth must meet one of the following



- Deficient in basic skills
- School Dropout
- Homeless, runaway, or foster child
- Pregnant or parenting
- Offender
- Requires additional assistance to complete an educational program

Chester County Department of Community Development Mission Statement

“To preserve and enhance communities and improve the quality of life for disadvantaged individuals and families in Chester County”

The DCD is the Agency designated by the Chester County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Board of Chester County Commissioners to provide staff support to the WIB and serve as the administrative entity and fiscal agent for the operation of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Programs and other workforce initiatives in the Chester County Local Area.

Under the direction of the WIB and Youth Council, the DCD subcontracts with County agencies to provide Youth Training Services to disadvantaged youth in Chester County. Funding is provided by the Departments of Labor and Industry and Public Welfare.

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Youth-to-Careers Program Guide



Do you need skills to get a job?
Do you need to earn your GED?
Do you need help with school?

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Programs for Out-of-School Youth

See eligibility*

Henkels and McCoy Tech Bridge Program



Tech Bridge provides computer-based training for youth seeking job skills and job placement. Students learn to build a computer from a kit, load the necessary software, and format the computer. Career

Coaches work with each student to aid them with entering into higher education or employment. GED preparation and bi-lingual instructors are available. Students who successfully complete the program keep their computer. Classrooms are located in Oxford and Coatesville. Website: www.henkels.com email: hevans@henkels.com. Call: 610.998.2846

Handi-Crafters Career Directions

Career Directions offers tutoring and vocational training to students. An employment specialist assesses occupational



skills and career exploration activities. Students may enter the Crisp Retailing Smarts program to prepare for a career in retail sales or customer service. GED tutoring is available to students who wish to earn their diploma. Training classes meet in West Chester. Website: www.handi-crafters.org Email: elaine.durham@handi-crafters.org Call: 610.384.6990

Chester County OIC I CAN Program



The Independent Career Action Network Program works with students to develop personal educational and employment goals. Certificate programs are also available in the areas of nurse assistant and administrative assistant. Workplace and life skills training are offered to each participant providing resume writing, interview techniques, time management and financial literacy. GED preparation is available for students wishing to earn their diploma. Employability counselors provide career guidance. Classes meet in West Chester and Phoenixville. Website: www.cc-oic.org Email: jchester@cc-oic.org Call: 610.692.2344



How do I find out more ?

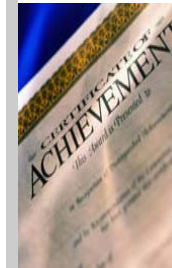


- Contact the Department of Community Development at 610.344.6900 or email: lmcodrum@chesco.org
- Contact the program listed on this pamphlet.
- Visit the program site.

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Family Services of Chester County AMP Program



The Achievement Mentoring Program is a school based mentoring program for at risk students at the North Brandywine Middle School. The program goals are to prevent juvenile delinquency, substance use and abuse, reduce the occurrences of truancy, and disruptive behavior. Website: www.familyservice-cc.org Phone

New Life and Family Services TPP Program



The Truancy Prevention Program provides counseling services to children who have been identified as having attendance difficulties. Strategies are offered to improve behaviors, attendance, and school performance. Strength based counseling is employed to students and their families highlighting the importance of education as a key to a child's success in all aspects of life. TPP counselors serve the 12 school districts of Chester County. Website: www.newlifeyouthandfamilyservices.org Phone 610.287.4901

** Youth must be between the ages of 5 and 18 & meet income eligibility