

FACT SHEET



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

The Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) provides services to youth, ages 15 through 25, to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals. The program emphasizes education, assessment, and peer advising. The YEOP Specialists assist youth in attaining their goals through a variety of services:

- **Peer advising** allows youth clients to interact with individuals having similar life experiences and perspectives as they identify their occupational interests and develop career goals.
- **Referrals to supportive services** are necessary to enable an individual to participate in the program and may include transportation, child care, housing assistance and clothing.
- **Job referrals and placement** services in employment that consider the interests and abilities of the youth clients while meeting the needs of the local labor market.
- **YEOP Workshops** that prepare students for the hiring process with résumé writing, interview preparation, and assistance in developing educational and occupational goals.
- **Referral to training** providers including Regional Occupational Programs, General Educational Development Test centers with the purpose of receiving the California High School Equivalency Certificate, and post-secondary education.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible youth include individuals, ages 15 through 25, who are at risk of not achieving their educational goals. This includes high school dropouts and potential dropouts.

Some high risk characteristics include:

- Youthful offender.
- Poor literacy skills.
- Teen parent.
- Limited English skills.
- Foster or homeless youth.
- Gang member/associate.
- Member of a minority group.
- Economically disadvantaged.

Mentors and YEOP Specialists

Two major components of the YEOP program are Mentors and Youth Employment Specialists.

Mentors

Career Employment Development Department (EDD) staffs advise and counsel YEOP Specialists while providing intensive on-the-job training in the basic functions of Workforce Services.

YEOP Specialists

Youth Aides and Student Assistants serve youth, ages 15 through 25, who are identified as having high risk characteristics.

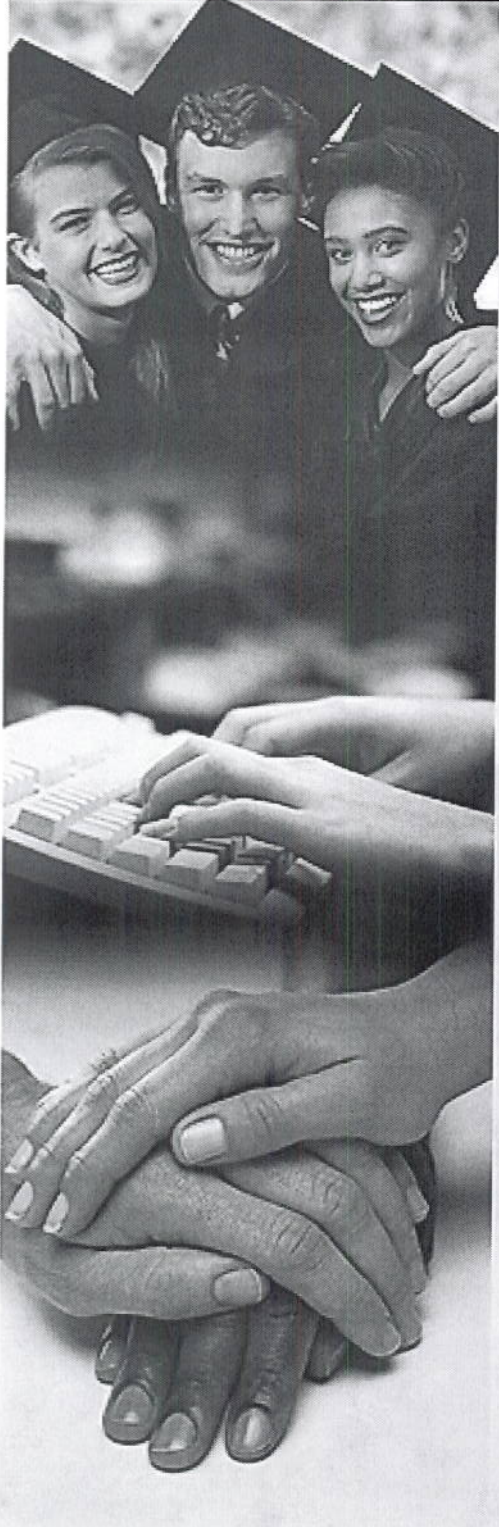
The YEOP Specialists are trained to provide YEOP assessment, peer advising, YEOP workshops, job development, selection and referral to education, or suitable youth jobs.

For more information, please contact your local EDD Workforce Services site (listed under "Employment Development Department" in the State Government section of your telephone directory).

For additional information on other EDD programs and services, visit EDD's Internet site at www.edd.ca.gov.

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Are you between the ages of 15 and 25 and need help finishing high school, college, or finding a job? Let a YEOP specialist help you get back on track to reach your educational and/or career goals.

It's up to you!

Contact your local Employment Development Department office:

Kyre' Calvert (323) 223-1285

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What is YEOP?

YEOP is a stay in school program that provides at-risk youth between the ages of 15-25 with services that will assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals.

In-Class Workshops

- Job Search Techniques
- Labor Market Information
- College & Financial Aid
- Soft Skills

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Services Provided

- Peer Advising
- Referrals to Supportive Services
- Career Awareness through Labor Market Information
- Referrals to Training and Education Providers
- Job Search Workshops
- Referrals to Employment Opportunities

Contact Us!



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Invite you to attend the

Winning Interviews Workshop

Ages 15- 25 encouraged to register

Date: Friday, November 14, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Place:

Crenshaw Worksource Center

Address:

***5401 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90043***

***CalJOBS registration is required.
You can self-register under Other Services
on the left.***

***Registration required by YEOP Specialist.
Please bring right to work documents.***

***Contact: Destiny Young (323)290-5288,
Cheyenne Ross (323)290-5173 or
Terrance Luke (323)290-5130***

Open to all job seekers

- Learn the different types of interviews that are conducted***
- Understand common reasons candidates are rejected by employers***
- Practice your interviewing skills with employment professionals***
- Learn tips on how to dress for success***
- Learn the do's and don'ts while interviewing***
- Also, What to do after an interview, how to follow-up with employers***

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