



The **Youth Workforce Initiative (YWI)** offers youth an opportunity to receive hands-on training and job search support. The program consists of a 3 week period where participants spend time in class Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:30pm at Operation Come Home (OCH) and focus on resume building, job search skills and completion of the following certifications:

- CPR/First Aid
- WHMIS
- Safe Food Handling
- Smart Serve

The goal is to have participants working by the 4th week of the program. Employment and social support staff will provide follow-along supports to both youth and employers for the first 12 weeks which includes youth receiving additional workshops and trainings and on-site work visits. Employers may also be eligible to receive reimbursement for a portion of the youth's wages.

Participant Eligibility

At the time of the program you must be:

- Between the ages of 16-29
- A Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or granted Refugee status
- Not eligible or in receipt of Employment Insurance (E.I)
- Be unemployed / not in school (must be available to attend programming times above)

AND self-identify as needing assistance in order to overcome employment barriers which include but are not limited to:

- High school non-completion
- Disability
- Indigenous original
- Lone-single parent
- Member of a minority group etc. (Visible, Ethic, Gender minority)
- Recent immigrant
- Other (Ex: criminal record, unstable housing, etc.)

If you're interested in the program and would like to know when the next rotation beings please contact:

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