



U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration

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## JOB CORPS



Job Corps is America's largest residential training program for economically disadvantaged youth who are 16 through 24 years old. Since it was established in 1964, this successful initiative has helped more than two million young people escape lives of poverty, unemployment, crime, and welfare and embark on brighter futures filled with self-confidence, independence, and careers. Every year, Job Corps provides vocational, academic, and life skills training to about 65,000 youth at 122 centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Job Corps students spend an average of seven months learning occupational skills as well as reading, math, and employability skills. Students can be enrolled for up to two years. Occupational training is offered for more than 100 different fields, including construction, auto mechanics and repair, business and clerical, retail trades, health care, computer services, and culinary arts. The vast majority of graduates go on to jobs, the military, or advanced education.

Job Corps succeeds in large part because it is a full-time, highly structured, year-round residential program that includes supervised dormitory style residences, meals, medical care, and counseling. Another factor in its success is its strict discipline and behavioral standards. Job Corps maintains a zero tolerance policy for violence and drugs. Job Corps centers are managed and operated by private or nonprofit entities under contractual agreements awarded through a competitive bidding process. The program places a strong emphasis on employer involvement and increased community connections are a priority under the Workforce Investment Act.

For the location of the nearest Job Corps Center, or for further information, visit the Job Corps Web site at <http://jobcorps.doleta.gov> or call (800) 733-JOBS or (800) 733-5627.