

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) provides assistance to youth, ages 15 through 25, to achieve their educational and vocational goals through:

- Peer advising.
- Education and career coaching.
- Employment preparation.
- YEOP workshops.
- Referrals to job leads and training.
- Referrals to supportive services.

The program emphasizes education, assessment, peer advising, and employment.

For additional information regarding YEOP, please visit www.edd.ca.gov/YEOP



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The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made by calling 916-654-7799 (voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



ELIGIBILITY

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

Some high at-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
- Youth with a disability



SERVICES

YEOP provides services to assist youth 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, including:

- One-on-one peer advising.
- Résumé building.
- Job application assistance.
- Mock interviews with professional guidance.
- Referrals to volunteer opportunities.
- Career outlook and skills assessments.
- College and financial aid assistance.

***YEOP helps
you succeed.***

To learn more or to find a YEOP office near you, visit www.edd.ca.gov/YEOP

YEOP STAFF

Two major components of the YEOP program are mentors and youth employment specialists.

Mentors

Employment Development Department (EDD) staff advise and counsel YEOP Specialists while providing intensive and continuous on-the-job training in the basic functions of workforce services.

YEOP Specialists

EDD staff (youth aides or student assistants) who are college students with similar at-risk characteristics are specifically assigned to the YEOP. These specialists conduct case management and serve at-risk youth for the benefit of better serving the local youth.

YEOP Specialists are trained to provide youth with services such as career assessment, peer advising, employment preparation workshops, job development, selection and referrals to education, or suitable youth employment opportunities.