

# EDEN AREA ROP WIOA YOUTH INITIATIVE



Program year 2022-2023

## WHAT IS WIOA?

The Workforce Innovation and opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 enacted a comprehensive youth employment program for serving eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Eden Area ROP proudly served 43 students in the WIOA Youth initiative. All WIOA youth were provided with \$1000 internships.

## WIOA KEY ELEMENTS:

- Career skill training
- Tutoring, study skills training, instruction, and dropout prevention
- Paid and unpaid work experience
- Leadership development opportunities
- Adult mentoring
- Support services, guidance and counseling
- Entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy education
- Transition to post-secondary education
- Follow-up services for 12 months

## ELIGIBILITY:

- A low income individual
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Attends Eden Area ROP
- Experiences one or more of the following challenges:
  - Basic skills deficient
  - Offender
  - Homeless/runaway
  - Pregnant or parenting
  - English Language Learner (ESL)
  - At risk of dropping out of school
  - Developmentally disabled
  - Foster youth and/or emancipated youth

*STUDENTS: If you have even the smallest interest in the program, and think you are not eligible, still apply! Many ways exist to make you eligible, just to name a few: free/reduced lunch, IEPs, food stamps, and others.*

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

All youth enrolled in the WIOA youth initiative program will be required to participate in WIOA activities and services that meet their educational and employment goals. As you progress and complete the following phases in the youth program, you may receive support services that meet your individual educational and employment goals.

- Eligibility Orientation
- Pre and Post Assessments
- Comprehensive Case Management Services
- WIOA Program Elements
- WIOA Goal Attainments
- WIOA follow-ups

**\*Student participants will be expected to complete an internship with a minimum of 30 hours. Internship opportunities will be provided. Upon completion of their internship, participants will be awarded a \$1,000 stipend.**