



SAY
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TO
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FUTURE!

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
SERVICES
PROGRAM (YES)



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WITH THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES) PROGRAM!



YES PARTICIPANTS
SPEAK ABOUT THE
PROGRAM...

“The youth liaisons have been very kind to me and have done a lot to help me. The youth program combines knowledge, education, information, and encouragement all in one spot. I am thankful that I am able to be involved with all the people in the youth program.”
— Christina Curry

“It means a lot knowing that you have someone there to help you out when you need it. It’s obvious that they care and are willing to help out as much as possible!”
— Jason Clevenger

“Through their committed guidance and resources, Man-Tra-Con has provided me the stepping stones to further my education. The people genuinely care about my future and lend a helping hand whenever I need it to achieve my goals. With the help of Man-Tra-Con and the great people surrounding it, I have been given the opportunity to make my dreams come true.”
— Michael Black

PLACE
STAMP
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OUR MISSION

Funded by the Workforce Investment Act and administered by Man-Tra-Con Corporation, the **Youth Empowerment Services (YES)** program is designed to help young adults reach educational and career goals through community-building activities and incentive programs that seek to increase confidence and encourage achievement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

To be eligible to participate in the YES program, you must be age 16 to 21 and meet household income requirements. In addition, you must be experiencing one or more of the following barriers to achievement:

- High School drop-out
- Runaway
- Homeless
- Foster child
- Pregnant or a parent
- Offender
- Deficient in basic literacy skills
- Need assistance to complete an educational program, or find and keep a job

PROGRAM SERVICES

If you have been determined eligible to participate in the YES program, the following services may be available:

- **Tutoring, Study Skills Training and Instruction** — to help you study, graduate, and avoid dropping out from High School.
- **Alternative Secondary School Enrollment** — If a traditional High School education is not right for you, we can help you find other options.
- **GED Assistance** — We'll help you get a GED!
- **Career Planning** — Participate in activities that will help you establish goals and occupational plans.
- **Summer Employment Opportunities** — Learn valuable job skills while earning a paycheck.
- **Leadership Development Opportunities** — Discover the leader you were meant to be through community service and group activities encouraging responsibility and other positive habits.
- **Supportive Services** — You may be eligible to receive assistance to help pay for childcare, transportation and other necessities while you're in the program. Other incentives may also be available for education and job retention.
- **Twelve Month Follow-up** — After completing the YES program, we'll keep in touch for at least 12 months to see how you are doing.

*Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

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The Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board and ten-member Youth Council direct activities and events to advance education and training of youth in Local Workforce Area (LWA) 25 and — through programs improving career development, work readiness and job placement — increase positive development for qualified young adults.

