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## Young Leaders Program Workforce Investment Act (WIA), ages 16-21

The Young Leaders youth program provides **Individualized Services** to help young adults, ages 16-21, gain marketable skills that will help them enter the workforce. Services include: one-on-one assistance for job seekers with resumes, interviewing, job search and career planning; GED remediation and instruction; assistance with high school graduation; preparing a career plan with a career coach; specialized training opportunities. Staff also assists program participants with financial aid paperwork and SAT/ACT registration.

### To access the Young Leaders services follow the steps below:

1. Find a center near you (see list below) and call to schedule an appointment to speak with a Career Coach at that location.
2. Career Coaches are also available to talk with you on a walk-in basis **Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
3. All interested participants will be required to take TABE test to assess basic skill levels to help staff better serve you.
4. Required documents needed for enrollment:
  - a birth certificate;
  - social security card;
  - copy of diploma or school enrollment;
  - school withdrawal form;
  - income for the last 6 months;
  - proof of residence;
  - other documentation depending on family status, etc.

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