

Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency

Youth CAN – Career Action Network

Youth CAN provides or links eligible youth to the academic and financial help they need to receive a secondary school diploma or GED and prepares eligible youth for postsecondary educational and occupational opportunities. The ultimate outcome is for the participants to enter the workforce prepared on all levels—from academic and occupational skills achievement to the attainment of a healthy work ethic. The program operates in Rutherford and Trousdale Counties in Workforce Investment Area (WIA) 9.

Qualified youth must be 14-21 years old, meet low-income guidelines, and be any of the following: 1) deficient in basic literacy skills, 2) a school dropout, 3) homeless or a runaway, 4) pregnant or a parent, 5) in state custody, 6) disabled, 7) an offender, and 8) needing additional assistance to complete an education program or to secure employment.

To accomplish its goals, Youth CAN offers the following services:

- tutoring and study-skills training
- adult mentoring
- guidance and counseling
- summer employment opportunities
- occupational training and apprenticeships
- life-skills and leadership training
- character education and work-ethics development
- services to support and supplement any of the above

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