

Leveraging Resources & Aligning Services WIA Youth Program & CPRF



The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program assists at-risk, low income youth, who have a desire to become self-reliant adults but face significant barriers in making a successful transition to adulthood, entering the workforce, higher education, or advanced training. WIA youth customers between the ages of 16-21 with a disability who are served through partnership with USD 259 may be eligible for the Business Fundamentals Training Program offered by Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF).

Business Fundamentals Training Program for Youth

The Business Fundamentals Training Program for Youth is a collaboration between CPRF, the Workforce Alliance, Butler County Special Education Co-Op and USD 259 to provide computer training to youth with disabilities.

The program began in 2008.

Highlights:

- **15 Classes Completed through July 2014**
193 students enrolled and 180 have completed the program in that time. (93% completion rate).
- **Microsoft Certification Exam**
153 of the graduates passed at least one Microsoft Certification Exam (85%)
100 of the graduates passed both Microsoft Certification Exams (56%)
- **Of 112 graduated through May 2013, 81 provided follow-up information.**
2 were still in high school or just graduated
- **Of those remaining, 72 of 79 (91%) had positive outcomes (were employed or in the military or had attended post-secondary education).**
 - **46 (58%) had entered employment or the military.**
 - Employers include: Home Health Care, IHOP, Mid-America Credit Union, Dollar General, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Butler County, Pizza Hut, Reed's Restorations, Heartland Animal Hospital, Via Christi, Coleman, Bishop's Restaurant, Walmart, Securitas, YMCA, Wendy's, Carlos O'Kelly's, Galicia Heart Hospital, Dick's Sporting Goods, American Family Insurance, Warren Theater, First National Bank, Wichita State University, and Dillon's.
- **49 (62%) had entered post-secondary education (some also had employment).**
 - 2 had earned Associate's degrees in Liberal Arts.
 - Post-secondary studies included: nursing, clinical psychology, business, aviation mechanics, biological sciences, Japanese, English, dental assistance, software design, photography, auto technology, welding, culinary arts & hospitality, criminal justice, mass communications, fire science, family consumer science, and marine biology.