

NEWSLETTER

REGION VII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Youth Services

The Region VII Workforce Development Board provides services to at-risk youth ages 14-24. To be an eligible youth you must meet the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act guidelines and meet at least one of the following barriers:

- Deficient in basic literacy skills
- School dropout
- Homeless, runaway, or foster child
- Pregnant or parenting
- Offender/Juvenile Justice
- An individual (including a youth with disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an education program, or to secure and hold employment

"Summer is a busy time of the year for our youth program. We have several youth working in individual placements and in organized work crews throughout the region. This program allows our youth to experience real work and earn a real paycheck. Dealing with employer expectations and the day-to-day responsibilities of a job are an invaluable experiences our youth need to become productive members of the workforce. We also provide career exploration and career interest inventories to help our youth plan for their futures."

~ Phil Sirk, Region VII Youth Coordinator

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Success Story



Shane Donovan
Berkeley County
WIOA Youth Program

Shane was enrolled with the WIOA Youth Program on June 17, 2020. During his time in the program, Shane has worked and completed multiple Paid Work Experiences along with participating in our Youth Summer Learn and Earn Program. He graduated from Martinsburg High School along with graduating from James Rumsey Technical Institute on May 24, 2022. He has since continued his career by serving with the WV National Guard.

"The Summer Six Week Youth Program consisted of hard work, but I really enjoyed the time spent working with other youth and learning new skills. It's helped me better prepare for my future with the WV National Guard."

