

Youth Services



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Raising a child takes parents, schools, community groups and others working together to ensure he or she will succeed. Goodwill is committed to helping today's youth become ready for what lies ahead. Through quality programs, Goodwill will help a generation of youth establish the skills, values and connections they need to become capable, independent and actively engaged members of their community.

Goodwill's programs serve youth between the ages of 14 to 25 throughout the western and northern regions of CT. Although the different programs offered provide varying levels of services based on the needs of the individual, all have the same basic goal: *to provide work experience and/or academic activities to enable students to be work-ready upon graduation from high school or a training program.*

AUTISM

Goodwill's Autism Program is a social group program for individuals on the autism spectrum to help them improve their social interactions and expand their social circle. Additionally, it allows them to learn valuable vocational and life skills.

SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION

Through various partnerships with area Boards of Education, Goodwill and local schools have worked together to provide work opportunities to students age 14 to 21 with disabilities. The program provides students with critical life and vocational skills needed to live independently while working in competitive employment.

OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

Youth benefit from a variety of services designed to prepare them for post-secondary educational opportunities or employment. Case managed services, academic and occupational skills training (retail/customer service training) are linked to enhance the youth's understanding of the importance of education to future success.

To inquire about Goodwill's Youth Programs call our Program Manager at (203) 581-5316.