

# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## Overview

The Yonge Street Mission (YSM) Employment Services purpose is to help job seekers gain job readiness skills in order to prepare for work. Job ready clients are then matched with employment opportunities including, training opportunities, job placements and direct entry jobs. Job retention supports are also provided to help clients be successful with their employment goals.

Employment Services also provides a free service to local employers to provide vetted, qualified candidates in order to meet their hiring needs. YSM's commitment is to provide ongoing support to both employee and employer to mediate transitions to the workplace.

## Programs and Services offered

YSM Employment Services offers a range of programs and services to assist you with your employment needs.

Evergreen Employment Services specializes in working with youth (ages 16-24) needing help to overcome their life challenges. Evergreen Employment Services is located in the basement of the Evergreen Centre for Youth, 381 Yonge St. Non-judgemental guidance, encouragement, mentoring and job coaching are provided by our caring supportive staff. Evergreen services such as housing assistance, health and dental care, therapeutic and addictions counselling, ID replacement, legal assistance, clothing, meals and laundry services are also provided

Drop-by Monday to Friday between 12:30pm – 4:30pm or call 416-929-9614 ext 2278 to book an appointment with an Employment Counsellor. Individuals over 24 years of age are required to attend morning appointments.

This is a short description of our Job Readiness Programs for qualifying youth 16 – 29 years of age.

1. **Evergreen Next Step Program** for youth in receipt of Ontario Works Benefits. The Next Step Program is often the entry point for motivated youth wanting to pursue their employment goals. The Program offers interactive employability workshops in a small group setting. It is 5 weeks long, 3 hours per day Monday to Friday. Through the program, youth gain employability skills and confidence and are matched with job opportunities. Speak to your OW worker for a referral to the program.
2. **Youth Job Connection Program** is a fully paid job readiness program. The program consists of a minimum of 60 hours of pre-employment training followed by a job placement and based on a youth's interest and ability. Mentorship opportunities are also available to guide youth with their life decisions.

3. **Starbucks Barista Job Placement Program.** Youth receive customer service training and are placed in a Starbucks store to continue their Barista Training. Successful program graduates secure permanent jobs with Starbucks.
4. **Connecting Youth to Work** is a paid program, 32 weeks in length and consists of Group Employability Skills training and valuable Work Experience.
5. **Youth Job Connection – Summer**, for qualifying students 15 – 18 years of age who need support transitioning between school and work. This program will provide summer job opportunities and part-time job placements during the school year.
6. **Youth Job Link** – access to job search resources and information for self-directed students

### **Other Employment Service Programs:**

- 1) Employment Clinics for Adults: phone 416-937-8160 for more information
  - a) St. James Town, Community Corner, 200 Wellesley St. East Mondays - 1:00 – 4:00 pm
  - b) YSM Community Centre, 270 Gerrard St. East, Computer Lab Wednesdays- 9:30- 1:00 pm
- 2) Receive personal assistance from an Employment Counsellor and Job Developer to prepare for work, effectively job search and consider your career options. Job ready clients will also receive Job Matching services for training opportunities, job placements and direct entry jobs. Call 416-937-8160 to book an appointment with an Employment Counsellor. Guidance, encouragement, mentoring and job coaching is provided by our caring supportive staff.
- 3) Assistance with Second Career Applications