



A Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funded program supporting career exploration, readiness and planning for In School Youth.

WHO:

Now recruiting youth who

- Are committed to graduating from high school
- Want support in developing a post-high school career plan
- Will be 16 years old by June 20, 2011
- Will be a junior or senior in the 2011-2012 school year
- Demonstrate minimum employability and academic skills
- Meet program eligibility

WHAT:

PA CareerLink® Youth Workforce Specialists will guide you through a series of activities and experiences to help you

- Learn about yourself, your interests and your skills
- Gain volunteer and work experience
- Make connections between the classroom and careers
- Create a portfolio linked to your post-high school goal: college/training, employment or military
- Develop skills to obtain a job, keep a job and compete in today's economy.

WHEN:

Youth will participate in Bridges to the Future for up to 2 years to prepare you for life after high school. The following activities and experiences will build on each other:

- Summer work experience before your junior year
- Quarterly meetings and activities with your PA CareerLink® Workforce Specialist throughout your junior year
- Summer work experience, internship or your own job before your senior year
- Monthly meetings and activities with your PA CareerLink® Workforce Specialist throughout your senior year
- Placement assistance after high school graduation
- Up to 1 year of follow up to make your transition successful

WHERE:

Most activities will take place at your school during a time that works best with your schedule. Other activities and experiences may occur at your local PA CareerLink® office or other location.

WHY:

Bridges to the Future offers the following benefits

- A better understanding of who you are in relationship to career opportunities
- Encouragement to successfully complete high school
- An action plan to enter college/ training, employment or military after high school
- Tools and resources to use on a lifelong career journey
- Supplement services offered by school districts, social service agencies or other partners with a focus on WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

HOW:

To refer youth or learn more about the program, contact
Workforce Specialist Name, PA CareerLink® Location
Phone Number, Email Address