

OUR PURPOSE & GOALS

Through career exposure, employment, skills development training and collaborative partnerships, the Dinwiddie Youth Workforce Development Initiative (YWDI) aims to provide youth with knowledge and experiences that lead to a sustainable, fulfilling career and build a healthy, prosperous community. Specific goals include:

- Developing leadership and employability skills
- Provide networking and employment opportunities
- Engage regional employers in preparing tomorrow's workforce
- Create a pipeline of students prepared for quality employment



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DINWIDDIE COUNTY YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

**A GREAT JOB IS
WAITING...**

ARE YOU READY?



CAREER TRAINING & EXPOSURE

Teen Expo (April)

Dinwiddie middle and high school students engage with event lecturers and exhibitors on wellness and career preparedness, goal setting and more!

Job Shadowing (September-May)

Students gain first-hand occupational awareness by working with community business partners.

Senior Government Day (Fall & Spring)

Hosted by Dinwiddie County Administration in collaboration with the Board of Supervisors. Dinwiddie High School's senior government classes join the Board of Supervisors and the County administration staff for lunch followed by a reenactment of a typical board meeting or budget workshop.

Industry Day & Conference (November)

Designed for DHS students, this conference allows students to explore all regional employers and educational opportunities.

GAIN

EXPERIENCE

SUMMER WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

Students have an opportunity to work up to 8 weeks within an environment that provides quality employment and exposure to professional development training. Open to youth ages 14-19 currently enrolled in grades 8-12 at a DCPS school or affiliate. Applications available starting in April!

TEEN STAFF PROGRAM

The Teen Staff Program is a high school credit option, intensive, paid job readiness program intended to provide real world experience to DHS juniors and seniors ages 16+. Participants are eligible to apply beginning in September and placement starts November.



WORKFORCE READY DIPLOMA SEAL

The Workforce Ready Diploma Seal is a workforce readiness credential that can be earned by high school seniors in participating counties. Students who earn the Workforce Ready Diploma Seal will be given preference for job interviews at partnering employers if they meet all other qualifications of the job posting. For more information visit: www.workforcereadyva.com.

REVERSE CAREER FAIR

In February, DHS Seniors seeking employment upon graduation are invited to attend the Regional Reverse Career Fair. Employers are invited to meet and greet students, create opportunities for interviews and successfully transition to future employment.

