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YMCA of Central Ohio

Our mission: To serve the whole community through programs expressing Judeo-Christian principles that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.



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**Supportive
Housing Program**
Employment
Services



what we do

The YMCA has been actively assisting the homeless and at-risk-of-homelessness population in Columbus since 1997. We provide supportive housing, supportive services & service coordination, and employment services & support. Our goal is to provide individuals the opportunity to improve their quality of life. Through employment, men and women can gain a sense of belonging, improve self-esteem, and establish themselves as contributing members of their community.

A report prepared by the Corporation for Supportive Housing presents the efforts being made by the YMCA of Central Ohio to partnership with the Workforce Development Office of the Franklin County Jobs & Family Services Department, the Entrepreneur Workforce and Real Estate Programs of Columbus State Community College, the State of Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health. These agencies met monthly for over a year in 2002 and 2003 to facilitate resident access to

various employment programs and to address barriers that supportive housing residents encounter when accessing such employment services. The collaboration is titled the "Stepping-Up Initiative," a name synonymous with increasing the employability and income of residents living in a supportive housing environment.

Our Employment Coordinator is available to provide a vast range of employment-related coaching and job readiness skills development for the resident looking for work, and to match and refer qualified applicants to employers needing to fill job openings.

Professional support staff provide intensive case management, employment, health, and other services to 135 individuals who were formerly homeless and approximately 400 other residents living at two YMCA sites.



what we offer

for job seekers...

- Employment planning
 - determine worker skills and abilities
 - set career vocational and employment goals and objectives
- Resume development
- Assistance with job search
- Job readiness workshops
 - exploring the job market
 - skills identification
 - resumes
 - job applications
 - interviewing skills
 - workplace etiquette

- Job leads, referrals, and employer partnerships
- Transportation assistance
 - bus passes
 - route maps
- Resource rooms
 - computers
 - email & internet access
 - computer training on CD
- Case management services
- In-house job training program
- Collaborative working relationship with all community-based service organizations

for employers...

- Pre-screening of eligible applicants to employer's specifications
- Referrals of eligible applicants
- Ongoing case management and employment counseling
- On-site follow-up services after hire at the employer's request or authorization

contact us

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