

How Do I Become a Community Referral Partner?

As a **Community Referral Partner**, your partnership will help provide resources and services to eligible community youth that provide young participants with **opportunities** for **career exposure, job readiness, workplace skills practice, and professional development**. PDX Youth@Work includes a variety of work-based training and learning opportunities that are thoughtfully vetted and provide a team of support to every youth.



<p>How to become a Community Referral Partner?</p>	<p>You must be a community-based organization, School District, or other Youth Serving Organization. The first step to becoming a Community Referral Partner is completing an information session with one of our program staff for an overview of the program.</p>
<p>What does the timeline look like?</p>	<p>Community Referral Partners can reach out to our program at any time during the year to express interest. Please reach out to our program support email help@summerworkspdx.org to do so.</p>
<p>Who are eligible participants?</p>	<p>Our service focus are Opportunity Youth. This includes young people who may be experiencing disability, justice system involvement, immigrant/refugee status, houselessness, engagement with the foster care system, and/or other barriers to traditional employment.</p>
<p>What does a Community Referral Partner’s role look like?</p>	<p>Roles of a Community Referral Partner may include matching staff with appropriate roles and responsibilities that best serve participants, attend staff trainings, have strong communication, identify Opportunity Youth who meet eligibility requirements, coordination with Worksystems' coaching contractor, attend feedback sessions, and participation in the program in accordance with slot allocation.</p>
<p>Who to contact with questions?</p>	<p>Please contact your Worksystems project manager with any questions or concerns you may have. You may also send an email any time to our program support email at help@summerworkspdx.org. Please be sure to provide your name and organization.</p>