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Congratulations!

You have taken the first step toward a better future.

Transitioning from foster care to independent living can seem overwhelming. Job Corps can help you learn the skills you need to make that step.

Job Corps:

- Is a **residential program** that provides housing, meals, basic medical care, and a living allowance.
- Offers **hands-on career training and education** to prepare you for a good job.
- Serves ages **16 through 24**.
- Has **125 centers** across the nation.
- Is **free to eligible young people** (legal residents or lawfully admitted immigrants or refugees).
- Is a U.S. Department of Labor program.
- Helps you change your life!



Job Corps is

100% free

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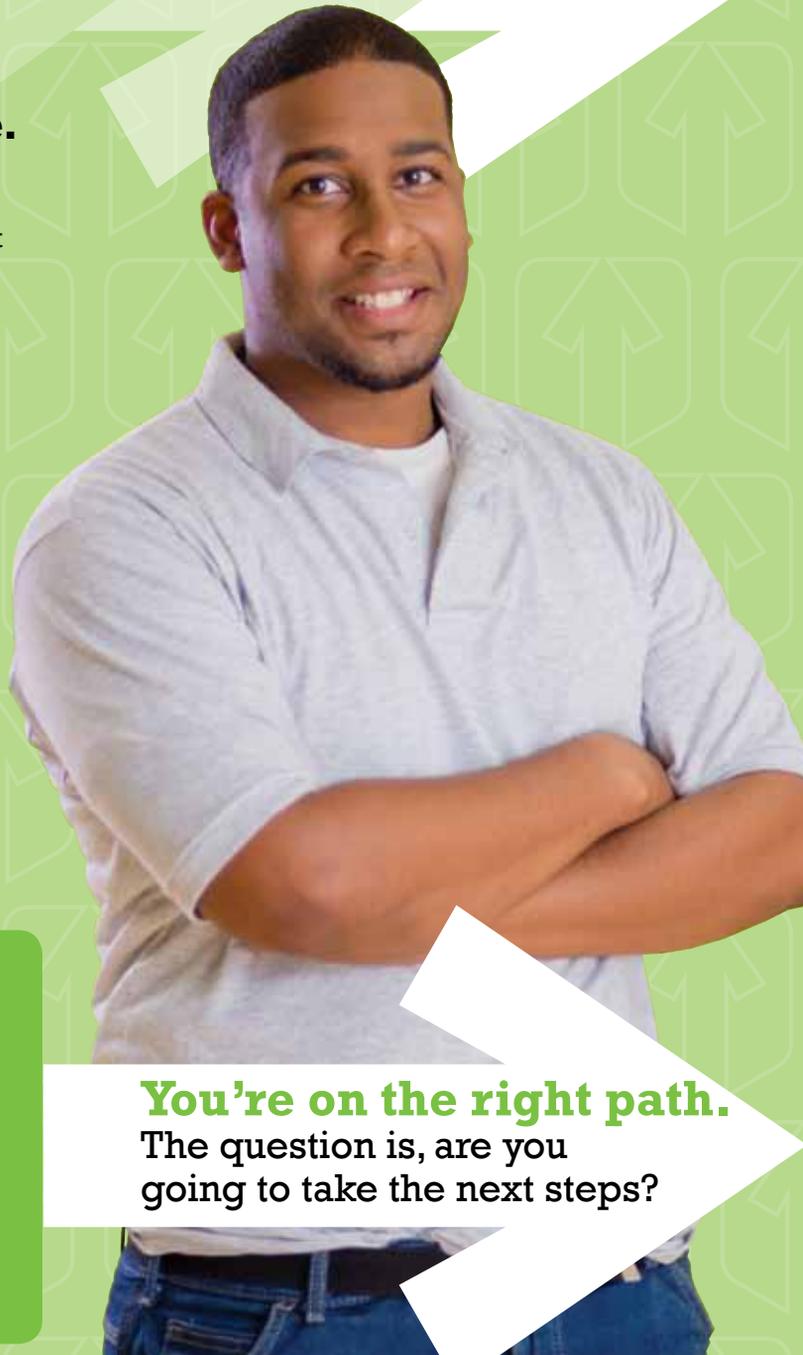
You make the commitment,
we cover the cost.



Sound too good to be true?

“I was nervous when I first came to Job Corps, but it turned out to be the best thing for me. The staff at Job Corps never gives up. They helped me to believe in myself.”

– Dale, formerly in foster care
Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center



You're on the right path.

The question is, are you going to take the next steps?

Everyone in this brochure is a real Job Corps student, graduate, or instructor.

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From their very first day, Job Corps students get the tools and education they need to succeed in the real world.

It usually takes about a year to gain the **knowledge** and **skills** you'll need to start a career. So, if you stick with it, you'll be well on your way to **independent living**.

Job Corps offers you **hands-on training** in what you're interested in, from computers to cars, from nursing to construction. You will **train on job sites** with real employers.

Here are just a few of the career areas in which you can train. If you're not sure what you want to do, that's OK! Admissions counselors and center staff can help you explore your options.



CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Advanced Manufacturing

- Welding

Automotive and Machine Repair

- Collision Repair and Refinish
- Maintenance and Light Repair

Construction

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Cement Masonry
- Electrical
- Facilities Maintenance
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
- Painting
- Plastering
- Plumbing

Finance and Business

- Accounting Services
- Office Administration

Health Care

- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide
- Pharmacy Technician

Homeland Security

- Security and Protective Services

Hospitality

- Culinary Arts
- Hotel and Lodging

Information Technology

- Computer Technician
- Network Cable Installation

Renewable Resources and Energy

- Landscaping
- Urban Forestry

Retail Sales and Services

- Retail Sales

Transportation

- Heavy Construction Equipment Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Material Handling and Distribution Operations

Want to take your basic training to the next level?

Apply for one of Job Corps' Advanced Training programs after completing initial career training. Ask your admissions counselor for details.



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Job Corps has **125 locations** across the United States and Puerto Rico, which means you'll probably attend the center closest to you.

At Job Corps, you'll live in a dorm on center with other Job Corps students—you will make new friends, and you'll be working toward the same goal: a successful career. Ask your admissions counselor for details about life on center.



MEET TAYLOR

Taylor Morgan, a foster child since age 9, went from being unsure about fitting in at Job Corps to sharing advice about adjusting to life on center

with incoming students.

Taylor enrolled at the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center in Missouri after her foster mother suggested the program to her. Several other children she had fostered had also joined Job Corps. "She told me I could finish my high school diploma there, and they would help me find a job—it sounded good to me!" she said.

She was interested in a medical career, so Taylor trained in Job Corps' Medical Office Support career area. These training classes quickly became one of her favorite things to do on center.

Taylor's advice to new Job Corps students is "Don't worry about anything else; just worry about your education and what you want to do with your life. Set goals for yourself and try to achieve them."

Each Job Corps center is different, but they all offer:

- **A Safe Environment.** We have zero tolerance for drugs and violence, so you'll feel safe and can focus on your training.
- **Career Training and Education.** Your path to a better future.
- **Career Counseling.** You'll have help every step of the way to start an independent life and a successful future.
- **Medical Care.** Access basic medical care to take care of yourself.
- **Food.** Enjoy three hot meals each day you're at Job Corps.
- **Recreation.** Job Corps is more than just training. Take advantage of all that the program has to offer—from sports to movies, from arts and crafts to healthy-living clubs.

- **Leadership Opportunities.** Build your resume while being involved on campus.
- **Community Service.** Gain career skills while giving back to your community.
- **Friendships.** Support your peers, and they'll help you reach your goals.



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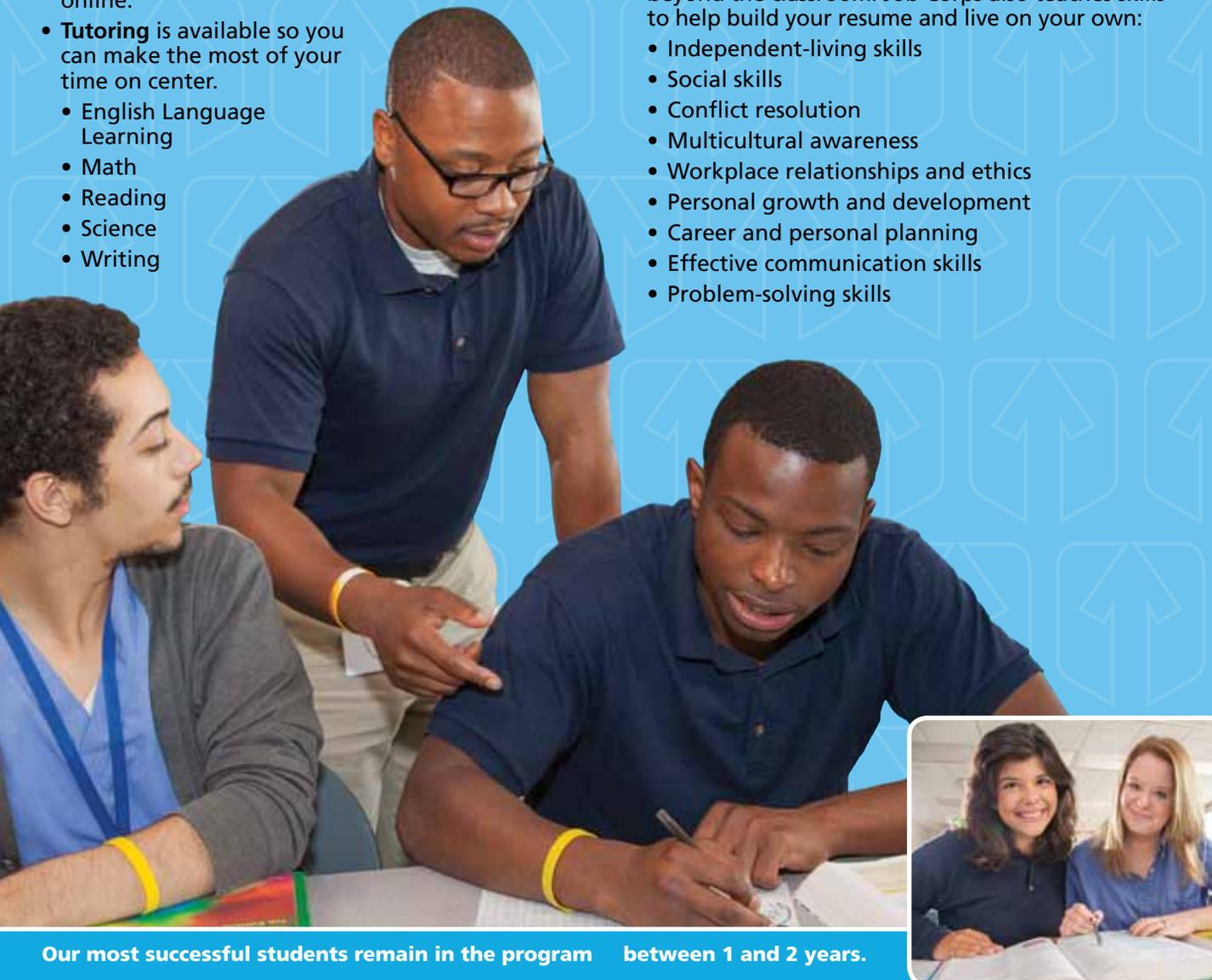
Academic offerings

- Get your **high school diploma** or **high school equivalency credential** in the classroom or online.
- **Tutoring** is available so you can make the most of your time on center.
 - English Language Learning
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science
 - Writing

Want to go to college? Job Corps can help. Many centers partner with community colleges so you can take **college classes** while living at Job Corps.

Learning opportunities at Job Corps extend beyond the classroom. Job Corps also teaches skills to help build your resume and live on your own:

- Independent-living skills
- Social skills
- Conflict resolution
- Multicultural awareness
- Workplace relationships and ethics
- Personal growth and development
- Career and personal planning
- Effective communication skills
- Problem-solving skills



Our most successful students remain in the program between 1 and 2 years.

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“Job Corps is great for foster youth because a lot of times we get left out. People automatically assume we don’t have education and career goals. At Job Corps, though, we have a support system and the opportunity to make something of our lives.”

**– Sue, formerly in foster care
Charleston Job Corps Center**

After you graduate from Job Corps, we want you to get a good job just as much as you do. We will help you work toward a new and improved resume, a new independence, and a new future ahead.

And we know that being independent involves much more than just having a job.

For up to 21 months after you graduate, Job Corps will connect you with:

- Career opportunities
- Housing assistance
- Transportation options
- Child care services

Our career transition specialists are spread across the United States and are available to help all graduates adjust to the working world.



Our graduates often find jobs before they leave our centers. More than **80 percent** of our graduates **get jobs, enlist in the military, or enroll in higher education programs**—meaning Job Corps sets them up for a lifetime of success.

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If you have transitioned or are transitioning out of foster care and are under the age of 25, Job Corps may be a good choice for you. If you would like more information, contact your local Job Corps admissions counselor.



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Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 through 24. Job Corps is a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY telephone number is (877) 889-5627.