

GO PLACES

ACTIVATING SUCCESS

The overall purpose of the **GO Places Project** is to introduce and prepare youth and young adults ages 18-24 for the world of work through placement into paid work experiences and on a path to more equitable career opportunities with their peers in Asheville, North Carolina.

The Project's Objectives:

- Decrease recidivism rates within a specific population
- Decrease violent crimes within specific areas through paid educational training, workplace employment, and 12-month mentorship involvement and projects.
- Increase labor and education participation rates within specific populations and communities.

Vision

The vision for the GO Places Project is to offer mentorship, leadership and work based trainings for a 12-Month cycle. Working closely with a CHW-VPPs trained individual that looks, walks, and talks just like you. Everyone involved with GO Places has Lived Experience to some extent and some may have even lived within your community. These individuals will assist you with Paid Work Based Trainings, conflict resolution and share within their lives and how they were able to obtain emotional control and began utilizing the same support network that is now provided to you.

Mission

The mission for GO Places is to partner with amazing community partners in Buncombe County: My Daddy Taught Me That, YWCA, and SPARC Foundation to closely align with the purpose of this grant program. We are committed to increasing community safety through sustainable employment, secure housing, and recovery support for our previously incarcerated clients. The proposed program is extremely important and critical to ensuring that justice-involved youth and young adults have the proper resources needed to succeed.

Our Pathway

The GO Places Pathway is a paid work-based learning approach coupled with leadership training and mentorship. The goal is to educate and train a student / participant in the competes meaningful job tasks in a workplace that develop readiness for work, knowledge, and skills that support entry or advancement in a career.

Work-Based Training

Work-based learning encompasses multiple models, such as job shadows, internships, and apprenticeships, that vary in intensity, time commitment, and pay. Each has a different purpose and outcomes related to improved career navigation and success.

Mentorship

The purpose of a mentor is to help you grow as a person and become the best version of yourself. This may involve helping you achieve your personal or career goals, introducing you to new ways of thinking, challenging your limiting assumptions, sharing valuable life lessons, and much more.

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