



Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP)

What is CCMEP?

CCMEP is an innovative program that can help low-income 14- to 24-year-olds build career paths, find employment and break the cycle of poverty. It offers a wide range of services specifically tailored to each individual. Participants spend about 20 hours a week in CCMEP activities designed to help them achieve goals related to employment in their chosen career, increased earnings and/or obtaining a work certificate or credential. After they achieve these goals, they continue to receive follow-up services. These can include such things as leadership training, help with work-related problems, mentoring and/or work-related peer support groups.

Who is eligible for CCMEP?

Low-income 14- to 24-year-olds who are registered for a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program and are considered to have a barrier to employment and work-eligible 14- to 24-year-olds receiving Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance are required to participate in CCMEP. Non-work-eligible OWF recipients ages 14 to 24 may volunteer to participate in CCMEP. Individuals ages 14 to 24 who receive benefits or services through the Prevention, Retention and Contingency program also may volunteer within 90 days of receiving a benefit or service.

What services are available?

The following are some of the services available, depending on each individual's unique needs:

- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Dropout recovery services
- Education and workforce preparation activities
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Financial literacy education
- Career counseling with labor market and employment information
- Leadership development opportunities
- Mentoring
- Occupational skills training
- Tutoring or study skills training
- Preparation for post-secondary education and training
- Paid and unpaid work experiences, including summer employment opportunities, pre-apprenticeship programs, internships, job shadowing and on-the-job training
- Supportive services, including access to drug and alcohol abuse counseling, health care, transportation, child care, housing, uniforms and work-related tools, educational testing, and reasonable accommodations for youth with disabilities

What is unique about CCMEP?

CCMEP integrates funding from both the WIOA youth program and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to offer more coordinated, individualized services than any other program. Ohio is a leading innovator in this effort and was one of the first states in the nation to attempt this degree of cross-program integration. Unlike many other anti-poverty programs, CCMEP engages participants in meaningful employment and training activities that can help them build lifelong, sustainable careers. It focuses on people, not programs, and gives caseworkers the flexibility to offer more constructive services that build on participants' strengths, increase their skills and meet their unique needs.

Where can I apply for CCMEP?

Each county has a designated lead agency responsible for managing CCMEP. Through this agency, participants can access the help they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency. To find the lead agency in your county, email CCMEPQNA@jfs.ohio.gov.