

## Employment

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### Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC)

- Address:** Colorado Department of Labor and Employment  
633 17th Street, Suite 201  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 318-8000
- Local:** Larimer County Workforce Center  
200 W. Oak Street, Suite 5000  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
(970) 498-6600
- Website:** [www.coworkforce.com](http://www.coworkforce.com)  
[www.larimerworkforce.org](http://www.larimerworkforce.org)
- Purpose:** Larimer County Workforce Center works to connect individuals with the people and experiences that can help one attain a job or guide one towards a future career path.
- Eligibility:** Some programs are based on age. Must be a resident of Larimer County.
- Services:** Employment related counseling, referrals to job openings, assistance with applications and resumes, various workshops, networking opportunities, information on laws regarding youth employment, referrals to training and apprenticeship programs, referrals to community services and computer lab access.

#### **Youth Programs:**

##### YouthLink:

YouthLINK Services provides comprehensive employment and training opportunities and employment services for youth 16 to 21 facing employment challenges. There are limited services and opportunities available for 14 and 15-year-olds. Working with a youth career counselor, young adults have the opportunity to design an individualized career plan that targets academic, life skill, training, and employment areas.

To qualify for YouthLink one must be economically disadvantaged and face a barrier to employment. Contact LCWC for eligibility determination and to apply.

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### Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) Continued

#### Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps (LCYCC):

The Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps empowers youth to become engaged citizens by completing service projects for the environment and community while promoting skill development for personal and professional growth through summer employment. 16-19 year olds engage in paid, productive, full-time service work that creates lasting benefits. The summer program runs 8-10 weeks. Teams work on community projects, small scale construction, and environmental/open space projects. Interested youth must apply for posted positions. Contact the LCWC for more information and to apply.

There is also a year-round employment program through AmeriCorps. Employees mainly work in the schools, helping with tutoring, conflict resolution, and volunteerism. All employees must have graduated from high school or plan on obtaining their GED.

LCYCC provides opportunities for Corps members to have access to GED classes, career exploration, leadership and team building, and more. Applications are available for any of these positions at all times.

**Application:** Register anytime between the ages of 14 and 21. After age 21, Larimer County Workforce Center offers many free employment and training services for adults.

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## Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

- Address:** Colorado Department of Human Services  
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
1575 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203  
(303) 866-4150
- Local:** Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
2850 McClelland Drive, #2000  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
(970) 223-9823
- Website:** [www.cdhs.state.co.us/dvr](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dvr)
- Purpose:** To assist eligible individuals with disabilities to become productive members of the Colorado workforce and to live independently.
- Eligibility:** Eligibility is based on need for employment assistance as a result of a disability, call to inquire about specific eligibility guidelines as well as waitlists based on an order of selection process.
- Services:** DVR is able to provide a variety of services to eligible individuals to help them obtain their employment goals. The eligible individual and the vocational rehabilitation counselor work together to determine which services are necessary and appropriate for the individual's identified employment goal. The services provided to any eligible individual are determined by his/her unique employment barriers, his/her chosen employment goal, and his/her individual circumstances. Services can include: evaluation and diagnostic services, counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration services, job training, technology services, job placement assistance and supportive services.
- Additional programs are also offered through DVR such as the Independent Living Program. The purpose of the Independent Living Program is to promote a philosophy of independent living (IL), including consumer control, peer support, self help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities, and to promote and maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with significant disabilities into the mainstream of American society. DVR contracts with ten independent living centers (ILCs), statewide, to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities.
- Application:** Contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to inquire more about various programs, waitlists and eligibility. Due to waitlists and an order of selection process be sure to inquire early. Also consider SWAP (School-to-Work Alliance Program) if the individual is still in high school.

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### Colorado State University Center for Community Partnerships (CCP)

- Local:** Center for Community Partnerships (CCP)  
Colorado State University Department of Occupational Therapy  
320 Occupational Therapy Building  
Fort Collins, CO 80523  
(970) 491-5930
- Website:** [www.ccp.colostate.edu](http://www.ccp.colostate.edu)
- Purpose:** To provide comprehensive and individualized services for youth and adults with disabilities and/or challenges as they pursue employment, independent living, recreational and community access goals. In addition, consultative and educational services are provided for K-12 schools and colleges/universities in regards to accommodations and supports for students with disabilities as they pursue their educational goals.
- Eligibility:** CCP services are for youth and adults with developmental disabilities, mental illness, brain injury or other disabilities. This program is a fee-for-service program.
- Services:** CCP implements four unique community-based programs, with the focus of supporting youth and adults with disabilities in achieving their highest level of independence, self-sufficiency and satisfaction in all areas of their lives. Each of these programs provide direct services for individuals with disabilities, as well as training, consultation and educational services for parents, educators and professionals.
- Employment related services include: supported employment services (including long-term support), as well as career planning and job development services.
- Application:** Individuals may be referred to CCP for services via the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities (Foothills Gateway, Inc.), the Colorado Workforce Center, private insurance, grants and school systems, as well as through self-referral/self-pay. Check out the website or call to find out more about specific programs and current grant funded program opportunities.

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### **Additional Youth Related Employment Programs**

#### **HomeRun/HomeBase Program**

**City of Fort Collins Neighborhood Resources Office and Streets Department**  
**281 N. College Avenue, Fort Collins (970) 221-6676**

The HomeRun/HomeBase program is designed to help find jobs for students who have dropped out of school. The program offers paid employment as an incentive to the individual to earn a GED, however, the student must agree to complete their GED requirements. To apply for the program, students must be considered drop-outs (out of the school system for six months), a Fort Collins resident, willing to obtain their GED, and able to spend a minimum of two hours per week with their tutor.

#### **Boys and Girls Club**

**1600 Lancer, Fort Collins (970) 484-5198**

The Junior Staff Program allows older teens the chance to learn resume, interview and job skills while they work part time for the club. Call for information.

#### **The Family Center/La Familia**

**400B N. College, Fort Collins (970) 221-1615**

Summer employment "Teen Works" program is a six-week program that allows teens to work in various jobs at the Family Center and in the community. The program offers life skills training classes as a part of the curriculum. This experience is a great first-time job for teens, however, space is limited.

#### **Youth Employment Program**

**City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation and Youth Activity Center**  
**415 E. Monroe, Fort Collins (970) 416-2990**

Each summer, this youth employment program hires teens to work on Junior Parks Crews, or as workers at The Farm, Northside Atzlan Community Center, The Youth Activity Center, and summer camp programs. Applications are usually due by early April and space is limited. Contact the Youth Activity Center or Dave for more information.

#### **Youth Job Corps 1-800-438-8287**

Summer and year-round job opportunities around the nation. Youth Job Corps also has programs where students can stay on campuses for school-to-career training, career training, and college planning. For students 16 years and over. Call for a brochure with more information.