Foundry Work & Education Program

At Foundry, we believe every young person, especially those facing barriers to education and employment, deserves access to meaningful support in school, work and training. Using an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model, we provide free one-on-one support tailored to each young person's interests, strengths, and goals.



Who can join the program?

Any youth in BC interested in working, attending school or starting a training program who are:

- Between the ages of 15-24
- Experiencing barriers to work, school or training
- Not already working, in a school/training program; or attending less than 15hrs/a week.
- Legally entitled to work in BC

Goal Setting

- Understanding your unique history and any barriers or challenges you may be facing
- Help exploring goals and dreams you might have for yourself
- Individualized searches based on your strengths and interests

Employment Support

- Exploring and understanding different job sectors
- Support with job searches and completing applications
- Help creating and updating resumes and cover letters
- Practice interviews to prepare and build confidence for job opportunities
- Connection to local employers in the community

Education Support

- Guidance and support enrolling in programs to finish high school and earn a Dogwood Diploma
- Exploring different post-secondary school fields and program options
- Help with completing applications
- Support applying for bursaries, scholarships and financial aid

Training & Certification

• Assistance registering for and funding short-term training programs such as FoodSafe, First Aid, and other job-related certifications

Financial Assistance

- Help with costs for work clothing, personal protective equipment (PPE), textbooks, and school supplies
- Support with post-secondary application fees and other related expenses

What makes FWEP different?

- We can help connect you to other Foundry services (peer support, counselling, etc.) and community resources to ensure you feel supported in all areas of your life.
- You can continue the program for as long or as little as you like, based on your unique needs.
- We deliver services through a model called Individual Placement & Support which means each young person gets one-on-one support tailored to your unique strengths, goals and needs.

Connect with us to learn about the Foundry Work & Education Program:

Visit <u>foundrybc.ca/fwep/</u> or scan the QR code to learn more!







