



Pathways to employment:

Our Supported Employment Program helps youth transition from high school

At a time of critical transition, youth in School District 79 now have a little more guidance. The Supported Employment Program recently wrapped up a five-week employment readiness and skills development program with nine job seekers aged 17 to 18.

Aligned with Clements Centre's mission of hope, belonging, and independence, this program focused on developing practical skills such as resume building, interview preparation, and vocational counselling, as well as fostering community connection and involvement. After completing the program, participants have the confidence to pursue employment opportunities as well as a stronger understanding of their own aspirations.



Our work is not only about changing the lives of the people we serve; it is also about allowing their experiences to change us. We cannot truly claim success unless we, as staff and as an organisation, are continually growing alongside those we support. This means actively listening, reflecting on how our approaches impact people, and being willing to adapt as needs evolve across generations and cultures. It is through this ongoing learning and mutual transformation that our work remains meaningful. That is why it has been such a gift to work with youth in this program: they challenge us to stay responsive, relevant, and committed to doing better every day.



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