



NEW: Youth Skills Link—Job Find Initiative

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YES Employment Services is currently delivering the Youth Skills Link-Job Find initiative to 30 youth participants who were selected based on identified barriers to employment. A declining Northwestern Ontario Population, and youth out-migration, gave rise to the project which is being delivered by YES in Thunder Bay and is funded by the Government of Canada.

The Youth Skills Link program provides extensive employment preparation to selected participants, as well as a paid placement in their chosen field of interest. 5 weeks of comprehensive in-class training provides youth with the opportunity to challenge personal barriers and learn effective job search and job maintenance practices. The placements provide work experience leading to sustainable employment and enhanced career opportunities.



The Job Find Crew gets down to business with a budgeting workshop called "Money Matters", as they work to complete 5 weeks of comprehensive life skills and job search training

Youth Skills Link offers employers a negotiated wage reimbursement to assist with training a youth participant who has expressed an interest in the type of work being offered. Employers who are interested in hiring a youth participant can contact a YES Job Placement Officer:

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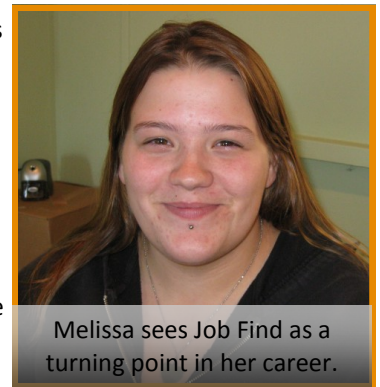
YES is also funded by its own fundraising initiatives. Partnership programming working for you

Job Find "Journal" - Melissa's Story

Melissa had become a daily visitor to the YES Resource area. Working just 12 hours as a casual youth worker assistant just wasn't cutting it. She needed full-time employment. With children aged 4 and 6 year old to support, Melissa needed help with her career. When a YES staff member mentioned the Youth Skills Link program, Melissa was on board immediately. She was

accepted into the program and has found the training very helpful.

"The information about self-awareness and budgeting was really valuable", says Melissa who is clearly enjoying the program. Looking forward to a 12 week placement in her field of interest, Melissa hopes that this "foot in the door" will be the key to a turning point in her career.



Melissa sees Job Find as a turning point in her career.