MY PLAN
MY FUTURE

RESOURCE GUIDE

College and Career Readiness Resources
Job Training Resume Writing Interviewing Skills
Goal Setting Life Skills Training Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling

EVANSTON CRADLE TO CAREER
What is Cradle to Career?

Evanston is a diverse community with many resources. There are many needs to be met. Evanston Cradle to Career works to provide the resources needed to support all of our youth in reaching their full potential.

We work with local organizations to help our youth be successful in their neighborhoods, schools, work and community. We work for fairness by building trust. Our goal is that all young adults in Evanston have a plan for after high school and the skills and supports to help them be successful.

Evanston Cradle to Career focuses on these five areas:

- Wellbeing, Health and Safety
- Supporting Parents/ Caregivers in Beginning Stages of a Child’s Life
- Literacy
- Summer Learning
- Preparing all Children for Adult Life

RESOURCES FOR TEENS AND PARENTS
Look for the Icon for Services Offered

**SERVICES OFFERED AT ETHS**

- ACT Prep
- Academic Mentoring
- Social Skill Building
- Goal Setting and Empowerment
- After-School Programs
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- College Application Assistance
- Job Training and Career Readiness

**COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**

- ACT Prep
- Academic Mentoring
- Social Skill Building
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- College Application Assistance

**JOB TRAINING**

- Resume Writing
- Interview Skills Training
- Goal Setting
- Life Skills Training
- Independent Living Skills

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Empowerment
- Teen Parents
- Legal Services
- Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Resolution Dispute Services
- Services for those with Developmental Disabilities
CEDA ♡ ♡
CEDA offers a variety of programs for low-income families including case-management, employment assistance, dental, auto, vision, and nutrition services.
Phone: 847-328-5166 ext. 5416
Address: 2010 Dewey Ave, 3rd Floor
Evanston, IL 60201

Center for Independent Futures ♡ ♡
Supports people with disabilities to live on their own through planning, life skills tutoring and goal setting. In home tutoring is available.
Phone: 847-328-2044 Address: 1015 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.independentfutures.com

Connections for the Homeless ♡ ♡ ♡
Transitional living program for youth who are homeless. Offers rental assistance for families in the Skokie/ Evanston school districts. Services prepare youth for living on their own. Includes education and financial support as well as life skills training.
Phone: 847-475-7070 Address: 2121 Dewey, Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.Connect2home.org

Curt's Cafe ♡ ♡
Provides training for Evanston youth ages 15-22 in food service and life skills. Students receive support with job placement and transition to full time employment.
Phone: 847-424-7163
Address: North, 2922 Central St., Evanston, IL 60201
South, 1813 Dempster St., Evanston, IL 60201

ETHS College and Career Services ♡ ♡
ETHS College and Career Services is a resource center at ETHS for all students looking for help related to achieving their goals after high school. These may be college, trade school or work goals.
Phone: 847-424-7163
Website: https://www.eths.kl2.il.us/ccc

Evanston Scholars ♡ ♡
This six year program provides support for students interested in going to college.
Phone: 847-866-0252 Address: 1234 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.evanstonscholars.org
Evanston Public Library
Provides space for teens to study and get support from library staff.
Phone: 847-448-8600 Address: 1703 Orrington Ave.,
Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.epl.org

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
Education and job training in retail, warehouse work and deconstruction.
Phone: 847-864-9246
Address: 2101 Dempster Ave., Evanston, IL 60202
Website: www.EvanstonReBuildingWarehouse.org

Family Focus
Support for teen parents. Programs include early childhood development program for parents of kids ages 0–3 and workshops for parents ages 16–40. Offers father’s support group for ages late teen to early twenties. Family support services for DCFS.
Phone: 847-475-7570
Address: 2010 Dewey, Evanston, IL 60202
Website: www.Family-focus.org

Have Dreams
Support for children, teens and young adults impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Offers after school, workplace, training and adult day programs. Also offers family support services.
Phone: 847-905-0702
Address: 2020 Dempster St., Evanston, IL 60202
Website: www.havedreams.org

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Offers legal and social work services to Evanston families and youth ages 21 and younger. Attorneys provide special education, juvenile and criminal law representation. Social workers provide case management and therapy. The expungement help desk at the Skokie courthouse is open to everyone.
Phone: 847-492-1410
Address: 1123 Emerson Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.moran-center.org
Leaders Up 🌟 📚
Job support, training and career opportunities for youth ages 18-24.
**Address:** 1700 W. 18th St. 3rd Fl., Chicago, IL 60608
**Website:** www.leadersup.org

National Able Network 📚 📚
Provides support for young adults 18 years and older looking for careers. Also provides training in career development.
**Phone:** 855-994-8300
**Address:** Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, IL 60201
**Website:** www.nationalable.org

Oakton Community College 📚 📚 📚
Oakton Community College offers both degree and certificate programs. Oakton has two campuses, one in Des Plaines and one in Skokie. In addition, Oakton offers online courses.
**Phone:** 847–635–1700
**For More Information Email:** admission@oakton.edu

Options for College Success 📚 📚
Academic support for teens. Also offers career planning and life skills support.
**Phone:** 847–425–4797
**Address:** 820 Davis St., Ste: 455, Evanston IL, 60201
**Website:** www.optionsforcollegesuccess.org

The Evanston Work Ethic Program 🌟 📚 📚 📚
This program provides hard working juniors and seniors access to high paying jobs. The students must earn a two year degree or professional certificate. Support and scholarships are provided.
**Phone:** 847–477–0025.
**Address:** 1904 Green Bay Road, Evanston, IL 60201
**Website:** www.evanstonwe.org

PEER Services 🌟 📚
Drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Also provides outpatient treatment services including D.U.I classes.
**Phone:** 847–492–1778
**Address:** 906 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201
**Website:** www.peerservices.org
Youth and Opportunity United (Y.O.U.)
This is a program that helps students connect to resources at ETHS and in the community. Y.O.U. offers tutoring, planning for after high school, exposure to art, science, poetry and physical health. There is also help with daily homework in an after school program. Youth enrolled in Y.O.U. can also receive mental health counseling.
Phone: 847-866-1200
Address: 1911 Church St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.youthopportunity.org

Youth Job Center
Provides job readiness training for youth and young adults. Once enrolled, staff provide post high school planning, job placement and job maintenance support.
Phone: 847-864-5627
Address: 1114 Church St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.youthjobcenter.org

Youth and Young Adult Division of The City of Evanston
Provides job training and job placement. Offers social and recreational activities and other support as needed. Also offers dispute and violence resolution services.
Phone: 847-448-8042
Address: Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

YMCA Achievers
YMCA Achievers is for students who need extra help to finish high school or go on to college. Staff supports students freshman year through two years post high school in school or work.
Phone: 847-475-7400
Address: 1000 Grove St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.mcgawymca.org

YWCA
Women’s empowerment, racial justice, domestic violence and relationship programs.
Phone: 847-864-8445
Address: 1215 Church St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website: www.ywca-ns.org
Bryan Richards felt right at home when he started working with Youth Job Center. He was employed with the Summer Corps program as a Camp Counselor and as an ABC booster intern. He enjoyed working with the younger students, and states they made him smile. Brian graduated from ETHS and is now enrolled at Oakton Community College. His dream is open a doggie daycare some day.
Goal

Our goal is that all young adults in Evanston have a plan for after high school and the skills and supports make that plan work.

Key Objectives

• All young adults will graduate from high school or obtain an equivalency diploma.
• By age 23, all young adults will have a plan.

Initial Focus

The Prepared for Adult Life Action Team has focused on identifying resources available to help youth to build the foundation they need for a solid transition to post-secondary education or a career. They are now working with those programs and supports to build individualized post-high school plans for young people at Evanston Township High School, working with high school staff and nonprofit organizations involved with our community’s young people. The team has also surveyed both employers and youth to better understand the disconnect between employer needs and youth skills and availability to inform strategies for intervention and maximize youth employment both during and after high school.
"CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF WE WAIT FOR SOME OTHER PERSON OR IF WE WAIT FOR SOME OTHER TIME. WE ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. WE ARE THE CHANGE WE SEEK."

- BARACK OBAMA

Resource guide is brought to you by the Prepared for Adult Life Action Team:

The Prepared for Adult Life Team supports all Evanston youth in the transition from high school to adult life. They are working to introduce students to people in Evanston who can help them reach their goals.