# GENESIS

*Your next step begins here.*

*A program to assist youth ages 16-24 in furthering their education and employment goals*

*Job Training* *Resume Help* *Job Leads*

*One-on-One Assistance* *Computer Access* *Career Exploration*

## *Genesis Youth Hub Locations*

| *Avondale* | *Tempe Library* | *Mesa Library* | *Peoria Community Center* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 124 S. 4th St. | 3500 S. Rural Rd. (Lower Level) | 64 E. 1st St. (Lower Level) | 8335 W. Jefferson St. |
| Avondale, AZ 85323 | Tempe, AZ 85282 | Mesa, AZ 85201 | Peoria, AZ 85346 |
| 623-882-9106 | 480-350-5824 | 480-644-2223 | 623-878-0416 |
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# *Genesis Overview*

The Genesis Youth Program assists out of school youth ages 16-24 in furthering their education or finding employment. Enrolled youth participate in a year round program where they receive tools to become successful, productive citizens. Genesis is federally funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Genesis partners with community agencies to offer a wide variety of services to enrolled youth. Youth Career Guidance Specialists provide eligibility assessments, initial intake, objective assessments, case management and individual service strategies.

## *Program Eligibility*

To be eligible for the Genesis Youth Program, out of school youth must be between the ages of 16-24, not attending any school and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A school dropout
- Within the age of compulsory school attendance but has not attended for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter
- Holds a secondary school diploma or recognized equivalent, is low-income and is basic skills deficient or an English language learner.
- Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
- Homeless/Runaway
- In foster care or aged out of the foster care system
- Eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out of home placement
- Pregnant or parenting
- Has a disability
- Low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment

*If a youth does not qualify other services and referrals are available.*

## *How to Apply*

Contact the Genesis Youth Hub nearest you or email:

WDDYouth@mail.maricopa.gov

## *Available Services*

Program elements are available to enrolled youth to support their goals. The 14 elements are:

- Tutoring, study skills training, instruction, evidence based dropout prevention and recovery strategies.
- Alternative secondary school services or dropout recovery services
- Paid and unpaid work experiences which may include:

  Summer employment opportunities throughout the school year

  Pre-apprenticeship programs

  Internships and job shadowing

  On the job training activities
- Occupational skills training
- Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster
- Leadership development opportunities
- Supportive services
- Adult mentoring for not less than 12 months
- Follow up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of the program
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Financial literacy education
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Services that provide labor market and employment information about in demand industry sectors or occupations available in the local area
- Activities that help youth prepare for and transition to post secondary education and training

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