

Programs	National Guard Youth Challenge ^a	Job Corps ^b	Youth Build ^c	Youth Corps ^d	Year Up ^e	LaGuardia's GED Bridge to Health and Business ^f	Linking Innovation, Knowledge, and Employment (@LIKE) ^g	Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) ^h	Young Adult Internship Program (YIAP) ⁱ
Ages served	16–18	16–24	16–24	16–27	18–24	18+	18–24	16–24	16–24
Entrance application/assessments	○		○		○	○	○		○
Program Components									
Residential setting	○ ^j	○ ^k							
General equivalency diploma and/or high school diploma	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Vocational training		○	○	○	○		○	○	○
Job search and placement assistance	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○
Wraparound support services	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Evidence Summary^l									
Secondary education	+Achievement	+Achievement	+Achievement	No significant impacts on the three key outcomes (educational attainment, employed or in school, and volunteering)		+ Pass GED	+ Achievement	+ Re-enrollment	Null
Postsecondary education			Null		Null	+ Pursue postsecondary education		+ Achievement of credentials	Null
Vocational training and certification	+ Entrance to program	+ Completion and certificate			+ Achieving certificate		+ Entrance into a program		
Job placement	+ Placement in unsubsidized employment						+ Placement in unsubsidized employment		
Employment		+Employment rates (< 4 years)	+Employment (≤ 4 years)		Null			Null	Null
Earnings/wages		+ Average weekly earnings (< 4 years) No differences in years 5–9	+ Average weekly earnings		+ Average earnings (< 2 years) + Average hourly wages			- Total Earnings	Null

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- ^k Includes a 1-year post-residential component to the program.
- ^l +Statistically significant positive effect; -Statistically significant negative effect; Null = not statistically significant; Blank cell indicates outcome not measured or reported.



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