

Westside Works is a long-term neighborhood program focused on creating employment opportunities and job training for residents of the Westside community, including Vine City, English Avenue, Castleberry Hill and other contiguous neighborhoods. Westside Works is a partnership among Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA), Integrity Community Development Corporation (Integrity CDC), Per Scholas, Invest Atlanta, Metro Atlanta YMCA, The Arthur M. Blank Foundation, and Atlanta Workforce Development Agency.

WESTSIDE WORKS TRAINING PROGRAMS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

Managed by the Metro Atlanta YMCA, the 3-week Georgia Quality CDA (Childhood Development Associate) Training Course prepares students to work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families in a variety of settings. During the course, students work towards completing the 120 hours of professional education and 480 hours of On the Job Training with the Metro Atlanta YMCA Early Learning Centers required to apply for their CDA Credential.

CONSTRUCTION

Led by Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA), Construction Ready students participate in a four-week training program that includes hands-on skills building and industry certifications. Graduates of the program have been placed in construction-related employment opportunities throughout metro Atlanta.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Students participate in a three-week course that includes digital literacy, procedural skills and industry certification. Graduates have successfully been employed in hospitals, long-term care facilities and home health care settings.

EDUCATION

Facilitated by Literacy Action Inc., participants who face challenges in meeting the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) requirement of Westside Works training programs receive instructor-led assistance. At the completion of 40 hours of class time, students become eligible for a retest. Those who pass are placed in a priority position when they are referred to the training program of choice.

CULINARY

In partnership with Levy Restaurants, the 6-week Culinary Academy introduces students to kitchen safety protocols, international cuisine, baking and pastry, restaurant simulations, and an opportunity to receive Serve Safe Certification. Graduates will have a path to employment through Levy Restaurants venues, as well as dining establishments throughout metro Atlanta.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Led by Per Scholas, Inc., the Information Technology program is an eight (8) week course providing hands-on instruction on troubleshooting and maintaining computers, software, networks and mobile devices. Upon graduation, students will receive a CompTIA A+ certification. In addition, Per Scholas and General Assembly are partnering to offer a 17-week Web Development program. 5-Weeks of hands on training at Per Scholas will prepare you for General Assembly's 12-week Web Development Immersive program.

For more information and to enroll, call 404-458-6413 x121 or email info@westsideworks.org.