

Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois Contract Abstract

This contract has been entered into for the purpose of providing Transition Services to participants of Career Link's youth drop-out recovery programs. The contract began July 1, 2018 and will terminate on June 30, 2019. This contract is renewable for two additional years at the discretion of Career Link. The funding amount is \$99,973.

Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois will provide the intensive education and employment skills program for youth served by Illinois Central College and Peoria Park District. It is envisioned that the staff would be similar to a mentor. Although not exactly a mentor, that word will be used hereafter for ease of reference. A key component will be for the mentors to build a relationship with the student. Both the GED provider and Career Link will facilitate the establishment of this relationship. Mentors will provide support and guidance to the student. The mentor will be familiar with additional resources to help address these barriers. The mentor will be actively engaged during the GED preparation phase and for at least six months after the student receives their GED. Further participation will depend on the circumstances that the student finds himself or herself in. The Career Link Career Planner and the mentor will discuss the need for further involvement. Typically, if the student enrolls in post-secondary training there would be an expectation for at least one semester of continued contact.

Goodwill's Transition Services Specialist will regularly communicate with students to build a relationship and provide them with support and guidance through their transition to work, post-secondary or the military after they have completed their GED. Providing consistent communication will be a key factor to aid students in their completion of the program and future success. The Transition Services Specialist will also be involved in the process of the Individual Service Strategy (ISS) to assist the students in achieving their benchmarks. The Transition Services Specialist will assess the Individual Service Strategy for each student on a quarterly basis.

The Transition Services Specialist will also work with students to remove any barriers they have that may be holding them back during their transition to work, post-secondary, or the military. Goodwill will also provide students with specific assistance in the form of incentives to aid with barriers such transportation, interview clothing, resume paper, and other related items to aid them in obtaining work, attending post-secondary, or enlisting in the military.