



## Our Goal

The Youth Job Center's (YJC) primary goal is to provide teens and young adults aged 14-18 (sometimes up to 21) with the necessary skills for a successful future. The YJC provides mentorship to help youth gain necessary employment skills, programs to explore different areas of work, and opportunities for unique job placements that not only provide a source of income but also a sense of purpose.

We are here to be a resource for YOU. We want to provide the stepping stones to help you get to where you want to go with your future. So keep dreaming; we're here to make that your reality.



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# Briarpatch

Youth Services  
Youth Job Center



## Services

- Unique job placement
- Paid programs
- Job coaching
- Post-graduate / pre-college mentorship
- Resume building
- Interview training
- Soft-skills classes

## Minority-Owned/Small Business Program

Do you want to work somewhere that can offer you more than just money? Briarpatch's paid MOSB program allows teens to not only be mentored, but also to be placed in a unique work environment catered to their field of interest. If you are looking for something beyond a mainstream job, this program is perfect for you!

## Programs

### Enrichment

The YJC believes new experiences are the best way to determine the direction you want to go in. Many times we find ourselves stuck in a situation we thought we would like, but actually don't. YJC's paid enrichment programs offer youth the opportunity to try out various fields of interest in order to find a job they enjoy and feel confident doing.

### Work-Ready Mentorship

Our Work-Ready mentorship program was designed to help support youth learn the basics of how to be a good employee. From résumés to mock interviews to soft skills, we cover a wide variety of necessary employment skills. We offer this program as an addition to preexisting jobs as well as a prerequisite to individual job placements. WRM is perfect for youth looking to grow in professionalism!

### Community Outreach

One of Briarpatch's main goals is being a presence in the community. The community outreach program focuses on working in underprivileged communities in need of support. Teens come together to help out their local communities such as Lake Point/Bridge Rd, Allied Drive, Badger Rock/Seven Oaks, and many other surrounding communities.

### Financial Literacy

Briarpatch recognizes that part of being a good worker is knowing how to wisely manage your money, so all of Briarpatch's programs offer financial literacy training via Summit Credit Union.



## Briarpatch

### Youth Services

Funded in 1971, Briarpatch Youth Services has a long and distinguished history of providing quality services to youth in need. The agency serves adolescent-aged youth and their families throughout Dane County. With the support of staff and volunteers, Briarpatch serves approximately 3,000 youth every year.

#### We Believe

1. Youth are valuable assets who represent the future of our community
2. Teamwork, cultural competence, and adaptability are the foundations of our success
3. Collaborations and partnerships strengthen communities
4. Measuring program outcomes promotes effectiveness and accountability

Our Mission:  
*Strengthening the Lives  
of Youth and Families*

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