



GOODWILL COLUMBUS

SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

In partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), Goodwill Columbus operates a vital summer youth program that provides a crucial entry point for young people with disabilities. This five-week paid program offers hands-on experience and personalized support to help build the skills and confidence needed for independent employment.

WHAT WE OFFER:

Paid Work Experience

Participants typically work 20 hours a week, earning at least minimum wage for a total of 100 hours of valuable, hands-on experience.

Personalized Support

Each participant is matched with a dedicated career coach, ensuring personalized attention and guidance. This is a small group service with a maximum 4:1 intern-to-coach ratio.

Real-World Internships

Participants choose from a "home menu" of internship options that match their interests. They work alongside employees at partner businesses like Giant Eagle and Columbus Parks & Recreation.

A Safe Place to Grow

Our program is a safe place to learn. Career coaches provide direct feedback, allowing participants to develop essential skills like communication and problem-solving in a supportive environment.

To be eligible for the program, participants must be current high school students who are at least 16 years old and connected to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

For more information and to get connected with OOD, please call **(800) 282-4536** or visit **OODWorks.com**



PARENT TESTIMONIAL

[The program] was very useful because it was super helpful to have some insight into his strengths and development needs. It gives us some guidance on where to focus to help him be successful. His time at Goodwill has been a real positive in his development.

- Deb, mother