

## Shriver Job Corps

*270 Jackson Road, Devens, MA*

Serves young people ages 16-24. Shriver Job Corps Center at Devens is one of several Job Corps sites in New England. Job Corps is funded by the U. S. Department of Labor and provides basic education, GED preparation and hands on job skills training in a residential setting. Young people who want to enroll in a Job Corps program must complete an application and meet the income and other eligibility requirements.

Schedule: Year round residential program with academic classes and shop classes which are in session Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm

**Contact:** Job Corps office at 353 Main St., Fitchburg, at 978-342-5577 for information about applying for Job Corps at Shriver's or another site.

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# Programs Offering Educational Services *for* Out-of-School Youth *Ages 16-24*

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## Employment Links at North Central Career Center

### *Out-of-School Youth Programs*

*100 Erdman Way, Leominster*

Employment Links Inc. serves out-of-school youth ages 16-21 through the Workforce Investment Act. We provide services to youth and adults who are in need of their GED, job search assistance, and job training such as CNA. Employment Links provides GED prep, not full GED classes. Employment Links also provides resume writing assistance, interview preparation, as well as many other workshops to assist with the job search along with referral information to other appropriate programs in the North Central Region.

The North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (NCMWIB) oversees the economic and social welfare of the residents of the North Central area through support of education, training and employment programs and services.

**Contact: Employment Links at 978-534-1481 x155 for information about programs for youth who leave school before graduating from high school.**

## Training Resources of America (TRA)

*435 Main St., Ste.2500, Fitchburg*

TRA has two programs in Fitchburg that serve out-of-school youth. The programs are funded through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA – sub-contract with Employment Links) and the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA).

### **Young Parent Program**

Serves pregnant and parenting out-of-school youth, ages 14-21 in small classes focusing on basic education, GED prep, English as a Second Language and training in parenting, life and work skills. Provides other support services for DTA eligible young people. Must meet age and income eligibility requirements. Serves 20-25 young parents a year at the Fitchburg site.

Schedule of Classes: 25 hours a week of classes —  
Monday though Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm

**Contact: Young Parent Program at 978-343-4452 for information about enrollment and eligibility.**

### **ACHIEVE! Youth Opportunity Program**

Program serves people 16-21 who are eligible under Federal WIA income guidelines. Free basic education, GED prep classes, internships and other work skill training to eligible youth in small groups of 8-12 students. Must meet income eligibility guidelines to be enrolled in this WIA funded program. Serves 15 youth a year.

Schedule of Classes: 20 hours a week of classes —  
Monday though Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

**Contact: ACHIEVE! at 978-343-4452 for information about enrollment and eligibility.**

## **My Turn, Inc.**

*1 Lunenburg St., Fitchburg*

Program serves people ages 16-21 who are eligible under Federal WIA income guidelines. Funding is received through a sub-contract with Employment Links to serve income eligible out-of-school youth. Free GED prep classes to eligible youth in small groups of 8-12 students.

My Turn also offers job search assistance and workshops on life skills and employability skills.

### Schedule of Classes:

GED class hours are flexible depending on individual needs. Schedule for some classes includes the following:

Monday – 10:00am to 12 noon

Tuesday – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Thursday – 9:00am to 11:00am

Friday – 9:00am to 12 noon

**Contact: My Turn at 978-345-1092**

## **Project Youth at Multi-Service Center**

*54 Main St., Leominster*

Serves youth 16 and up. Assists participants in getting GED while learning pre-employment skills. Tutoring and job help available when necessary. Project Youth works with each youth individually.

**Contact: Jane Duffy at 978-537-7395 to set up an appointment.**

**Call: 978-534-3145 for information about enrollment and current schedule.**

## **Fitchburg Alternative High School**

*111 Goodrich St., Fitchburg*

Serves students ages 16-22. Those interested in attending full or part-time must set up an appointment with the principal and/or assistant principal prior to each trimester. This school operates under the auspices of the Fitchburg Public Schools. Students who complete this program earn a high school diploma and must pass English Language Arts and Math MCAS testing. Funding is through Fitchburg Public Schools and school choice fees.

### Schedule of Classes:

Monday - Thursday, 2:30pm to 9:00pm

Students start classes at 2:30pm, and classes run through 9:00pm

Fridays, 9:00am to 2:00pm for tutoring and make-up.

**Contact: Fitchburg Alternative High School at 978-345-3244.**

## **Gateway to College (MWCC)**

*444 Green St., Gardner*

Serves youth ages 16-20 who have 17 or fewer high school credits and who are at risk of dropping out or have already left high school before graduating. Students must meet minimum eligibility requirements regarding skill level (8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level), complete an application process, and be able to pass the MCAS and complete a high school diploma by age 21. This program is offered in partnership with the Gardner Public Schools.

### Schedule of Classes — Two Groups

Monday - Thursday, 1:30pm to 4:30pm/Developmental Reading, Math and College Success. Group also meets on Fridays.

Monday - Thursday, 5:30pm to 8:30pm/Developmental Reading, Math and College Success. Group also meets on Fridays.

**Contact: Gateway to College at 978-630-9450 for application and more information.**

## Mount Wachusett Community College Adult Basic Education Programs

*Free classes at four centers*

Serves people 16 and up. All four sites are funded through grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education and take a limited number of 16-19 year olds into classes at the four sites as older adults are also served by this program. Free classes in Adult Basic Education at three levels of instruction. Twelve to fourteen people are enrolled in each class. The classes use a curriculum based on the state's ABE Curriculum Frameworks for adults. There is open enrollment but for some levels there may be a waiting list.

### **Fitchburg Learning Center at McKay School**

*67 Rindge Road, Fitchburg*

#### Schedule of Classes:

- Basic Skills/ABE – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon
- Skills Enhancement/Pre-GED – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00 to 12:00 noon
- Adult Secondary Education/GED prep – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon

**Contact: Fitchburg Learning Center at 978-665-3433 for information on enrollment.**

### **Devens Learning Center**

*100 Jackson Road, Devens, MA*

#### Schedule of Classes:

- Basic Skills/ABE – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon
- Skills Enhancement/Pre-GED – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon
- Adult Secondary Education/GED prep – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon

**Contact: Devens Learning Center at 978-630-9527 for information on enrollment.**

### **Leominster Learning Center at Congregation Agudat Achim**

*268 Washington St., Leominster*

#### Schedule of Classes:

- Basic Skills/ABE – Monday & Wednesday, 6:00am to 9:00pm
- Skills Enhancement/Pre-GED – Monday & Wednesday, 6:00am to 9:00 p.m.
- Adult Secondary Education/GED prep – Monday & Wednesday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Contact: Leominster Learning Center at 978-534-1563 for information on enrollment.**

### **Gardner Learning Center at MWCC**

*444 Green St., Gardner*

#### Schedule of Classes:

- Basic Skills/ABE – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon *also:*  
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Skills Enhancement/Pre-GED – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00 noon *also:*  
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Adult Secondary Education/GED prep – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 12:00 noon to 3:00pm *also:*  
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Contact: Gardner Learning Center at 978-630-9259 for information on enrollment.**

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