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Invitation to Apply for a Free Program: Bridges from School to Work

The high school student in your household may be eligible to participate in the Bridges from School to Work (Bridges) program for free. Bridges is a program for 17-22 year olds with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans. Bridges helps young adults with disabilities find real jobs with real wages. The program offers:

- intensive assistance with getting and keeping a job;
- mentoring and guidance for up to one year after job placement;
- career counseling;
- skills training;
- work site tours and mock interviews;
- job searches leading to connections with local employers; and
- help with applications and résumés.

Over 30 years, Bridges has helped 20,000 young adults get jobs in 12 U.S. major cities. Bridges is a nonprofit organization established in 1989 by the Marriott family. The program is nationally recognized and respected for its history of helping young adults with disabilities succeed in the workforce.

Bridges is participating in a federally funded research study known as the **NextGen Project**. Bridges is included in the NextGen Project because of its long track record of helping young adults find and keep jobs that match their skills, interests, abilities, and age. These jobs are not subsidized jobs, summer employment, internships, or temporary labor.

What is the NextGen Project?

The **NextGen Project**, or the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project, aims to identify promising programs to help people find and keep employment and become independent. It is a collaboration among several organizations. It is being funded by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) at the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**. The **Social Security Administration (SSA)** is also a partner on the project.

OPRE has asked a research organization called **Mathematica** to conduct a study of Bridges as part of the NextGen Project. The study will compare the outcomes of two groups of students. One group will be served by the Bridges program; the other group will be students who don't receive Bridges services. By comparing the outcomes of the two groups, the study will evaluate the usefulness of Bridges. If the student in your household is interested in Bridges and meets the program's eligibility requirements, he or she can participate in the study. Study participants will be randomly assigned by a computer to one of the two study groups. One group of participants will be offered a spot in Bridges, while the other group will not. Both participant groups will participate in the study, as described on the next page.

How does the NextGen Project work?

What is involved in study participation? Study requirements are the same for both participant groups. To begin, a Bridges staff person called an Employer Representative will help study participants take a survey. This will take less than a half hour. Over the next two years, Mathematica will contact study participants in both groups twice to learn about their experiences, about 9 and 21 months from now. Each survey will take about 50 minutes and study participants will receive gift cards for taking each survey. A few study participants may be asked to take part in a more in-depth interview about their experience with Bridges. Additionally, Mathematica will examine study participants' employment outcomes, earnings, and receipt of disability benefits. Study participation is completely voluntary, participants can choose not to participate at any time, and can choose not to respond to any questions which they do not feel comfortable answering.

How does the NextGen Project decide who gets Bridges services? A computer program will randomly assign study participants to one of two groups: the group that will receive Bridges services, and the group that will not. There is a 50/50 chance that each study participant will be assigned to the group that receives Bridges services. Nothing the study participant says or does will affect his or her chances of being randomly selected to receive Bridges. Mathematica and the OPRE have a reputation for carrying out studies like this in a way that is fair and respectful for all participants. All students will be fully informed of the study design before becoming a study participant.

What if my student is *not* randomly assigned to a spot in Bridges? Your student will still be a NextGen study participant and receive the surveys. He or she will be free to seek services from other community providers to help with employment or training. We will supply a list of service providers for consideration. In addition, these study participants will receive a gift card from the Bridges program to help them get started with their job search.

How will the NextGen Project keep data secure and private? If the student in your household becomes a study participant, his or her data and information will be used for program administration and research only. We will keep all information secure, unless the law requires otherwise, or unless you request a release of your child's information in writing. Study participant names will not appear in any public report or be used in any personally identifiable way.

How does my student sign up?

For the student in your household to participate in the study and potentially receive Bridges services, we will need his or her consent, as well as yours if the student is under 18. If your student is under 18, please review the attached parental consent form that elaborates on the information here and provides additional details about the study.

To learn more or ask questions, email us at [EMAIL ADDRESS] or call us at [TELEPHONE NUMBER].

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Transforming the Lives of Young Adults [with Disabilities] through the Power of a Job.

Ready for a Job?

You may be eligible to enroll in Bridges, a program that helps you find jobs that match your strengths and interests. Bridges guides and supports young adults through the application and interview process and helps them succeed in the workforce.

Contact Bridges if you ...



ARE BETWEEN
17-24 YEARS OLD



HAVE AN IEP
[OR 504 PLAN]



ARE MOTIVATED
TO WORK!

Bridges from School to Work is part of a research study. Participation in the study is voluntary and you can stop participating at any time. Participation in the study does not guarantee that you will receive Bridges services.

For more information, call or email [Contact Name]:



123-456-7890



first.last@bridgestowork.org



123 Street Address
City Name, XX 00000



www.bridgestowork.org



Grand Lake Mental Health Center (GLMHC) NextGen Enrollment Meeting REMINDER!

Your meeting with [RC name] to sign up for the NextGen study and free employment services is scheduled for:

Date: _____ at [time] am/pm

Location: _____

Please bring the following to your meeting:

1. Your Social Security Number
2. The addresses and phone numbers of all places you might be staying over the next few months
3. The contact information for some family or friends

If you have questions or need to reschedule your meeting, please call [or text] [RC name] at [phone number].

Directions to [location] if driving: [directions]

Directions to [location] if using public transportation: [directions]

OPPORTUNITY TO GET FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES!



DO YOU WANT TO WORK?

If so, the NextGen study may be a good fit for you!

What services could you get by participating in the study?

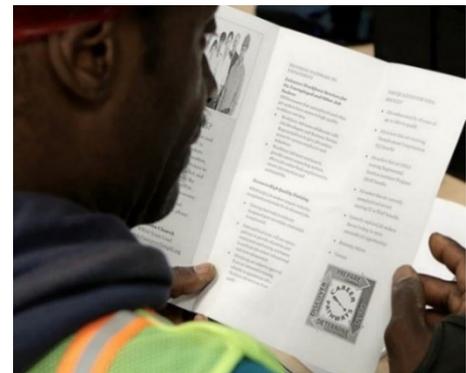
- You may be eligible to participate in a study called NextGen that offers **free employment services** through The Grand Lake Mental Health Center (GLMHC). These services could help you find a job.
- If you participate in the study, you may be eligible to receive other services you might need from GLMHC like mental health treatment and housing assistance.
- Everyone who participates will get employment services, but different people will get different services. Which type of services you get will be decided randomly—like flipping a coin. If you participate in the study, we will also ask you for permission to collect some information about you.

Grand Lake Mental Health Center serves residents of Rogers County. Their mission is to create a welcoming, supportive and positive environment, in which an array of effective and efficient trauma-informed, integrated services will promote an improved quality of life for consumers, communities and each other. They provide a range of services, including employment services.

Who can participate in the study and get employment services?

You may be eligible for the study if you:

1. Have been involved with the justice system in the past year
2. Are at least 18 years old
3. Are interested in working at a job in the Rogers County area and are not employed now (other than odd jobs that don't guarantee weekly hours)
4. Are allowed to work according to probation, parole, or other court-ordered rules



Interested?

[INSERT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A STUDY REPRESENTATIVE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN ABOUT NEXT STEPS, SUCH AS VIA EMAIL, PHONE, OR OTHER MEANS.]

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Invitation to Apply for Free Employment Services at Grand Lake Mental Health Center

You may be eligible to participate in a study that offers **free employment services** through Grand Lake Mental Health Center (GLMHC). The study, known as the NextGen Study, is comparing two approaches for helping people with justice involvement get and keep a job. The two approaches are called:

- Individual Placement and Support (IPS) and,
- Local Employment Programs (LEP).

If you join the study, you will receive free employment services through one of these approaches.

More about Grand Lake Mental Health Center (GLMHC)

GLMHC serves the Rogers County community. Their mission is to create a welcoming, supportive and positive environment, in which an array of effective and efficient trauma-informed, integrated services will promote an improved quality of life for consumers, communities and each other. In service of this mission, GLMHC provides a range of services, including employment services.

How does the NextGen Study work?

Study participants will be randomly assigned by a computer (like flipping a coin) to one of two study groups. One group will receive IPS services and the other group will receive LEP services. By comparing how many people in each group get jobs and the kinds of jobs they get, the study will evaluate which approach works better. If you participate in the study, we will also ask you for permission to collect some information about you.

What is the IPS approach?

If you are assigned to the IPS group you will:

- Work with someone called an IPS specialist to find a job in the community that fits your interests and skills. The IPS specialist will help you create a resume, prepare for the interview, and build other skills for your job search.
- Get support dealing with issues that may come up in the workplace once you have a job.
- Get mental health services and other supportive services from GLMHC.

What is the LEP approach?

If you are assigned to the LEP group you will:

- Work with a trained staff member at GLMHC to connect with employment resources in the community such as help with resume writing, access to a computer for online job searches, and career counseling. Some of these services may also be provided directly by GLMHC.
- Get mental health services and other supportive services from GLMHC.

Who can join the study?

To join the study, you must:

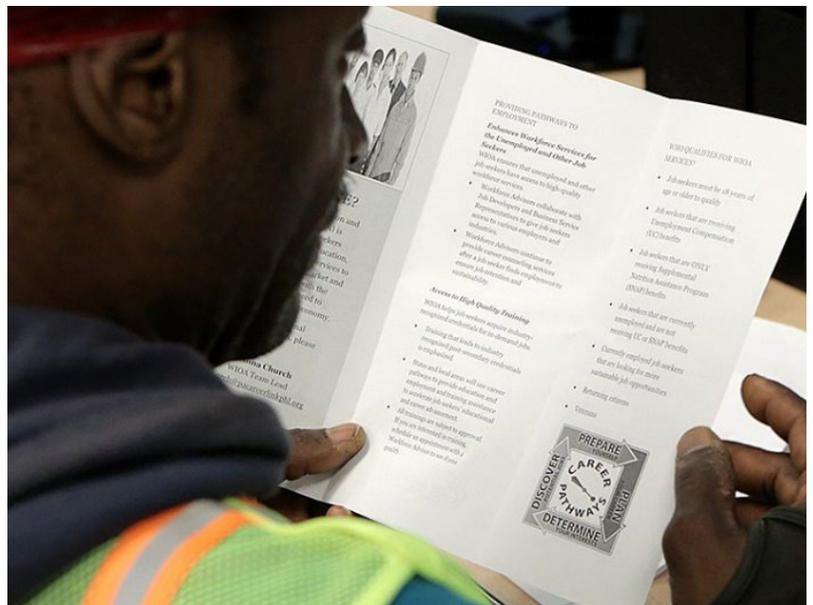
1. Have been involved with the justice system in the past year
2. Be at least 18 years old
3. Be eligible for services at GLMHC; GLMHC will help you figure this out
4. Be interested in working at a job in the Rogers County area and not be employed now (other than odd jobs that don't guarantee weekly hours)
5. Be allowed to work according to probation, parole, or other court-ordered rules

Some other rules may apply as well.

How do I sign up to be in the study and receive free employment services?

To be in the study, you will need to meet with someone from GLMHC called a research coordinator. The research coordinator will tell you more about the employment services and make sure you qualify for the study. The research coordinator will then help you schedule a meeting at GLMHC where you will enroll in GLMHC's employment services and the study. If you are currently at a correctional facility, the enrollment meeting at GLMHC will happen once you are released.

[INSERT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A STUDY REPRESENTATIVE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN ABOUT NEXT STEPS, SUCH AS VIA EMAIL, PHONE, OR OTHER MEANS.]



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For jails: Are you interested in working when you are released? Many people coming out of jail find it hard to get a job. But, **[Name of MHC]** can help!

For probation and parole offices: Have you recently been released on parole or ordered to probation and want to work now? Many people with justice system involvement find it hard to get a job. But, **[Name of MHC]** can help!

For homeless/mental health/drug courts: Have you recently been ordered to serve an alternative sentence—such as a community sentence or one from a drug court or mental health court—and want to work while serving your sentence? **[Name of MHC]** can help!

For RICCA: Have you recently been released from jail or prison or been ordered to serve an alternative sentence—such as a community sentence or one from a drug court or mental health court? Do you want to work now? **[Name of MHC]** can help!

Slow motion, blurred video clip of African American woman and white man walking. Text animates in with voiceover. In each of the two examples provided here, the second slide shows that the first line of text would appear first, and the second line of text (“**[Name of MHC]** can help!”) will appear next, as it is spoken.

Are you interested **in working**
when you’re released?

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[Name of MHC] can help!

Have you recently been ordered
to serve an alternative sentence
and **want to work** while serving
your sentence?

Have you recently been ordered
to serve an alternative sentence
and **want to work** while serving
your sentence?

[Name of MHC] can help!

[Name of MHC] provides mental health and employment services to people living in the [insert area] area.

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Possibly insert image of site exterior or logo.

Researchers are running a study at [name of MHC] to understand which services work best for helping people who are coming out of the justice system and looking for work.

Video clips each play for 4-5 seconds.



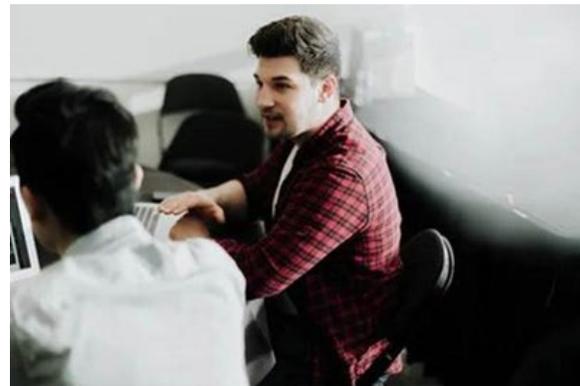
Everyone who participates in the study will get employment services free of cost, but different people will receive different types of employment services. Which types of services you get will be decided randomly—like flipping a coin.

All people who **participate**
in the study will get
employment services
free of cost

Text animates in with voiceover

No matter which employment services you get, if you are part of the study, you might also be able to get other services like mental health treatment or housing assistance.

Still images on screen for 3-4 seconds each with motion and transitions.



If you participate in the study, we will ask you for permission to collect some information about you--through surveys and other sources.

Video clip of two women speaking in survey/assistance role.



	<p>Transitions to clip of woman and man speaking looking at a document.</p> 
<p>Right now, the researchers are looking for people to participate in the study.</p>	
<p>To be part of the study you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 18 years old • Eligible for services at [site name] • Allowed to work according to probation, parole, or other court rules • For jails: Interested in working at a job in the [insert area] area when you are released, and • For all others: Interested in working at a job in the [insert area] area, and • For jails: Ready to enroll in the study within a year of your release • For probation/parole offices: Ready to enroll in the study within a year of being ordered to probation or parole • For RICCA: Enrolled at RICCA within a year of leaving jail or prison or being referred there by a court or probation office • For homeless/mental health/drug courts: Ready to enroll in the study within a year of your order to serve an alternative sentence 	<p>To participate you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 18 years old • Eligible for services at [site name] • Allowed to work according to probation, parole, or other court rules • Interested in working at a job in the [insert area] area when you're released

Your ability to participate in the study also depends on whether you have received or applied for disability benefits as an adult and whether you are awaiting a hearing or trial that could result in jail or prison time.

Video clip of a man looking thoughtful



For jails: Your jail time does not have to be a barrier to employment! If you are interested in working after your release, let **[name of MHC center]** help.

For RICCA and probation/parole offices: Your involvement in the justice system does not have to be a barrier to employment! If you are interested in working, let **[name of MHC center]** help.

Starts with text transitioning in—



	
<p>[Video testimonial of a person who had involvement with the justice system and received employment support and other services that allowed them to be successful. It will likely be placed here and may include a brief introduction to provide context.]</p>	
<p>You can learn more about whether you qualify for the study and how to enroll by [site specific text].</p>	<p>[site specific text]</p>

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Social Media Marketing Messages for the NextGen Study of Individual Placement and Support for Adults with Justice Involvement

- Opportunity to get free employment services! Do you have recent involvement with the justice system? Did you want to work in the [INSERT GEOGRAPHIC AREA]? If so, the NextGen study may be a good fit for you! Click here [INSERT LINK TO VIDEO OR RECRUITMENT FLIER] for more information. [INSERT SITE CONTACT INFORMATION OR RELEVANT HASHTAGS AS NEEDED]
- Opportunity to get free employment services! Do you know someone with recent involvement with the justice system and who wants to work in the [INSERT GEOGRAPHIC AREA]? If so, the NextGen study may be a good fit for them! Click here [INSERT LINK TO VIDEO OR RECRUITMENT FLIER] for more information. [INSERT SITE CONTACT INFORMATION OR RELEVANT HASHTAGS AS NEEDED]
- Opportunity to get free employment services! Do you work with people with recent involvement with the justice system and who want to work in the [INSERT GEOGRAPHIC AREA]? If so, the NextGen study may be a good fit for them! Click here [INSERT LINK TO VIDEO OR RECRUITMENT FLIER] for more information. [INSERT SITE CONTACT INFORMATION OR RELEVANT HASHTAGS AS NEEDED]



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GET FREE, PERSONALIZED SERVICES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

What services can you get?

- Ramsey County is participating in a study called the NextGen Project, which will provide valuable information for the future of Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) programming for yourself and other MFIP participants.
- The study will compare two ways of providing services. As a participant of the study, you will either continue getting services from your current provider or be reassigned to the Families Achieving Success Today—FAST—program. Which program you get will be decided randomly—like flipping a coin.
- FAST offers **employment and mental health services, along with other support services**, through Workforce Solutions of Ramsey County and Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota. Someone will work one-on-one with you to find a job that is a good fit for you. You can also access mental health services for yourself and your children, and get help finding health insurance.
- No matter which services you receive, you will receive gift cards to thank you for taking two brief surveys about your experiences.

Who can participate in the NextGen Project?

You may be eligible if you:

1. Receive MFIP benefits and live in Ramsey County
 2. Are at least 18 years old and can communicate with your service provider in English
 3. Have a disability or medical challenge or care for someone else in your household who has a disability or medical challenge
- Participation in the study is voluntary and you can stop participating at any time. Participation in the study does not guarantee that you will receive FAST services.



Interested?

- Contact [FILL NAME], at [FILL EMAIL ADDRESS] or call [FILL PHONE NUMBER] to ask questions and learn about the next steps.
- You can also let your case manager know you are interested, and a study enrollment coordinator will contact you to set up a telephone meeting.

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Invitation to Apply for Free, Personalized Employment and Health Services in Ramsey County

You may be eligible to participate in a study called the NextGen Project that offers **free employment and mental health services** through Ramsey County Workforce Solutions and Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota. The NextGen Project is studying the Families Achieving Success Today (FAST) program. This opportunity is available to people who receive Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) benefits and meet the FAST eligibility criteria.

By participating in the study, you will help collect valuable information for the future of MFIP programming for yourself and others.

How does the NextGen Project work?

The NextGen Project will compare the employment outcomes of two groups of participants. One group will receive FAST services and the other group will stay with their assigned MFIP community provider in Ramsey County. Study participants will be randomly assigned by a computer (like flipping a coin) to one of the two study groups. By comparing the outcomes of the two groups, the study will evaluate which approach works better.

What is the FAST program?

If you are randomly assigned to the FAST group you will:

- Work with a Family Stabilization Services (FSS) coordinator to set and make progress toward goals.
- Work with a career navigator to find a job in the community that fits your interests and skills. The career navigator will help you create a resume, prepare for job interviews, and talk with employers about your interests and goals.
- Get mental health treatment for yourself and your children, health insurance, and other supportive services, if needed.
- Get support once you have a job to address concerns that may come up in the workplace.

If you are not randomly assigned to the FAST group, you will stay with your usual MFIP provider and can continue to receive services available in your community.

No matter which services you receive, you will receive gift cards to thank you for taking two surveys about your experiences.

Who can participate in the NextGen Project?

You may be eligible if you:

1. Receive MFIP benefits and reside in Ramsey County, Minnesota
2. Are at least 18 years old and can communicate with your service provider in English
3. Have a disability or medical challenge or care for someone else in your household who has a disability or medical challenge

Some other rules may apply as well.

Participation in the study is voluntary and you can stop participating at any time. Participation in the study does not guarantee that you will receive FAST services.

How do I sign up?



To have an opportunity to enroll in the FAST program, you will first need to have a one-on-one telephone meeting with a study enrollment coordinator. The study enrollment coordinator will tell you more about the FAST program and the NextGen Project. The coordinator will also make sure you qualify for the study. As long as you qualify and are interested, the coordinator will then enroll you in the study.

To learn more, ask questions, or take the next step to sign up, email the study enrollment coordinator, [FILL NAME], at [FILL EMAIL ADDRESS] or call [FILL PHONE NUMBER].

You can also let your case manager know you are interested, and a study enrollment coordinator will contact you to set up a telephone meeting.

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Hello, (name)!

My name is (name). You were recently referred to me by **(MFIP counselor)** at **(organization)** because you are eligible for an opportunity to enroll in Ramsey County's NextGen Project, which is a study designed to evaluate different MFIP programs in the county. Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota is leading the enrollment process for NextGen, and that's where I come in.

I tried to contact you at **(number(s))** and **(email)** but have not been able to connect. I would love to tell you about the NextGen Project and, if you're interested in the opportunity, complete the enrollment over the phone, which takes about 45 minutes.

Would you give me a call or send me an email so we can set up a time to talk? I will explain the NextGen Project, answer any questions, and if you decide to enroll, we will go over the consent form and complete a baseline survey. Enrolling in the NextGen Project is voluntary. If you decide to enroll, you will receive a gift card for completing a survey about nine months after enrollment and again at 21 months after enrollment.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

[STAFF SIGNATURE]

[STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION]

Receive gift cards for study participation!

G1.11. Western Mass MOMS marketing flyer



Manage your stress and connect with others!

Are you a caregiver who feels stressed out by daily life or parenting?

When you enroll in the NextGen study you will have a 50/50 chance of being offered a slot in the **Western Mass MOMS PartnershipSM** stress management program.

Western Mass MOMS Provides:



Classes with other caregivers facing similar challenges, where participants learn skills to manage stress



Advice, resources, and services to help you progress in your career

Staff—experts and peers—to help connect you to resources in the community



Classes held in-person in Springfield and Holyoke, childcare provided; virtual option available; receive \$25 for each class attended

If you are not selected for Western Mass MOMS, you will still be connected to resources in the community.

Thank you for considering our research study!
For more information or to schedule an enrollment:



Call or text
413-561-7413



Email
MOMS@viability.org



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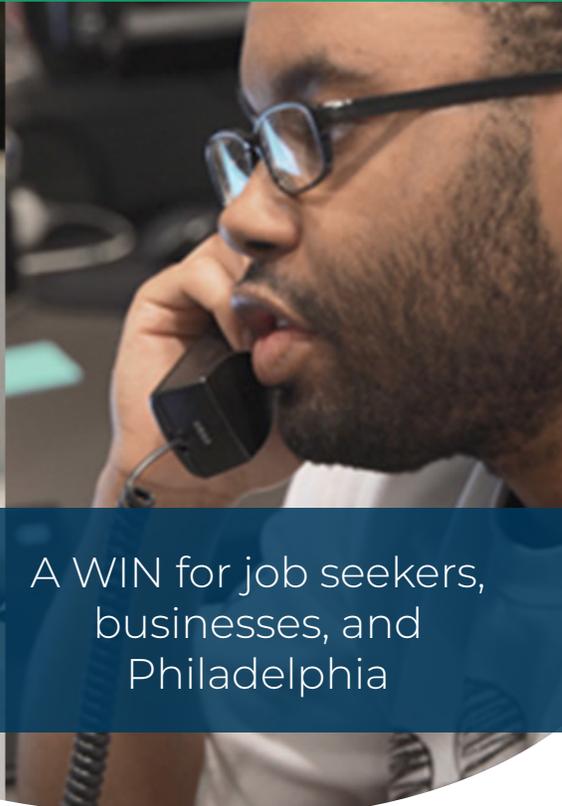
You may be eligible if you:

- Identify as a woman or non-binary
- Are aged 18 or older
- Are pregnant or care for at least one child who is younger than 18
- Are feeling stressed, sad, lonely, overwhelmed or isolated

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«Philly WINS»

Philadelphia Workforce Inclusion Network Services

A WIN for job seekers,
businesses, and
Philadelphia

What services does Philly WINS offer?

- Connections to well-paid, full-time jobs
- Hands-on skills assessment
- Help with transportation, childcare, state-issued ID, and other resources
- Ongoing support at the job site

Who is eligible?

Existing and new PA CareerLink® Philadelphia customers who meet these conditions:

- Are aged 18 years or older and live in Philadelphia
- Have a long-lasting mental, emotional, or physical health condition and/or a disability
- Are not receiving benefits from Social Security Administration (SSA) or waiting on a decision from SSA

What is PA CareerLink® Philadelphia's role?

Staff, team leads, and administrators in the PA CareerLink® Philadelphia centers can refer existing customers who might be eligible for Philly WINS. A Philly WINS case manager will be co-located in the center. Stay tuned for further information about making these referrals. New customers will be referred directly by PA CareerLink® staff.

More information

Philly WINS is part of the NextGen Project. This national study is testing new and enhanced employment services for people facing complex employment challenges.

Philly WINS is operated by Community Integrated Services in partnership with Transition Pathways at Drexel University. Together, they have developed a network of employers who are committed to providing inclusive workplaces—places that are accommodating of employees' health and other needs. These employers provide well-paid, full-time job opportunities for customers who have the right skills.

The NextGen Project will study how well Philly WINS works. To do that, when eligible customers are identified, they will be informed about the study and asked if they want to participate. If they do, they will be randomly assigned to a study group using a process like a coin flip. Half will continue to receive PA CareerLink® services as usual. The other half will be able to receive Philly WINS services as well as PA CareerLink® services. Either way, anyone who signs up will receive gift cards for participating in two surveys to share their experiences. The NextGen Project is sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation and the Social Security Administration. The study is being conducted by a research firm called Mathematica.

Looking for Work?

«Philly WINs»

Philadelphia Workforce Inclusion Network services

A WIN for job seekers, businesses, and Philadelphia

Career opportunities with well-paid, full-time jobs

\$\$ Incentives available for participation \$\$

Explore your skills and related career paths

Access transportation, childcare, and other resources

Connect to a network of employers prepared to accommodate workers with health and other challenges

Support through interview, hiring, training, and beyond

You may be eligible if you:

- Are aged 18 or older and live in Philadelphia
- Have a mental, emotional, or physical health condition, and/or a disability
- Are not receiving benefits from Social Security Administration (SSA) or waiting on a decision from SSA

For more information, e-mail, text, or call:

email@email.com

555-555-5555

Philly WINs is part of the NextGen study, which assesses the effectiveness of programs designed to help people find employment. This study is conducted by a research firm called Mathematica. If you opt into the study, you might be selected to receive enhanced services and supports, but even if you are not, you can access services through PA CareerLink®. Participating in the study is voluntary, and you can stop at any time.

The purpose of this information collection is to evaluate innovative programs serving individuals facing challenges to employment. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB # is 0970-0545 and the expiration date is 04/30/2023. If you have any comments on this collection of information, please contact Mathematica at NextGenProject@mathematica-mpr.com

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Best wishes from the NextGen study team on your birthday!

Here's to another year! Because you have been so important to the study, we want to stay in touch. See the enclosed letter about study activities.

Please let us know if you have moved, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address.

Email XXXXX@mathematica-mpr.com or call us at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.





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Hello,

As you may remember, Bridges from School to Work (Bridges) is participating in the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project. Mathematica, a research organization, is conducting this national study on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The study aims to identify promising programs to help people find jobs and become independent. Even if you did not or were not able to get services from Bridges you are still part of the study.

When you joined the study, a parent or guardian signed a consent form that gave permission for you to participate. Since you are now 18 years old, we wanted to send you a reminder about the study activities that your parent/guardian approved. On the next page, we list the study activities, how the study team protects your data, and your rights as a study participant—including how to leave the study at any time.

I would like to personally extend the study team's gratitude for your participation in this important study. If you have **questions about the study**, or if you have **moved, changed phone numbers, or changed email addresses**, please contact Mathematica at [TOLL-FREE NUMBER].

Sincerely,

Shawn E. Marsh
Survey Director

Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project

The following activities are asked of all participants:

- Take a survey 9 months after enrollment into the study. This survey takes about 50 minutes. A \$50 gift card is sent after finishing the survey.
- Take a second survey 21 months after enrollment into the study. This survey takes about 50 minutes. A \$50 gift card is sent after finishing the survey.
- Researchers will collect information about your jobs and disability benefits from government sources.

Mathematica will contact you to take the surveys, either by telephone or online. Both surveys are voluntary. If you decide not to participate, any help you are getting will not be affected.

If you did not receive services from Bridges, you may be able to receive them after the study ends. Bridges staff will contact you after the study ends if they are able to offer services at that time.

The study team will collect information on your earnings from the Social Security Administration and a database called the National Directory of New Hires. The study team will also collect information on benefits from the Social Security Administration. We will use your name, sex, date of birth, and Social Security number to get this information. The study team may collect this information from 2 years before to 20 years after the time you start the study. The information will be used for research purposes only and will not be used to make decisions about whether you get benefits or the amount of benefits you get, now or in the future.

The Social Security Administration will do more research on your earnings and receipt of disability benefits. They will complete this research by 2040. They will use information such as your name, sex, date of birth, and Social Security number to try to locate you in their records. They will only use your information to do research. They will not use the information to make decisions about any benefits you receive from the Social Security Administration, now or in the future. The Social Security Administration will not contact you directly.

The study team is dedicated to keeping your information safe. Your name will never appear in a public report and we will never report information in a way that could be used to identify you. All information about you will be used for research and evaluation purposes only. We will keep all information private and secure, unless the law requires otherwise, or you request release of your information in writing.

- The researchers have a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. With this Certificate, no one can force the researchers to share information that might identify you. This is true even if a court orders them to share information in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings.
- The only exception is that researchers can share that you are in the study if a law requires it. Some examples are laws that require reporting if you tell the interviewers anything that suggests you are very likely to harm yourself, that you are planning to hurt another person, or that someone is likely to harm you.
- Once all study data collection has been completed, all personally identifiable information collected for the study will be destroyed from Mathematica's servers using a secure deletion process.

What are the risks of being in the study?

- You might not like answering some survey questions. You can say no to answering any question you do not like. You can still be in the study even if you do not answer all the questions.
- The study team will take many steps to keep all information private, but there is a small risk that someone else could see it. The data collected will include information about your jobs and earnings.

An organization called Health Media Lab protects your rights as someone in the study.

You can leave the study at any time. To do this, please call Mathematica toll-free at [TOLL-FREE NUMBER] and then write a message that you do not want to be in the study anymore. You can send this message to [MATHEMATICA STAFF PERSON] at [MATHEMATICA ADDRESS]. Any information we collect about you before you asked to leave the study will be part of the research.



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Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project

Hello,

Thank you for participating in the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project, being conducted by Mathematica on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The thoughts, perspectives, and experiences you have shared with us so far are invaluable as we develop our understanding of programs that are most effective in helping people find jobs and become independent. The information we uncover through this research will better inform the Department of Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration as they work to strengthen services and better serve young adults.

Although Mathematica has completed survey data collection, further research may be conducted by Mathematica or the Social Security Administration (using information the agency collects to administer disability and retirement benefits) through 2040. The Social Security Administration will not contact you directly, and they will not use the information to make decisions about any benefits you receive, now or in the future. Your name will never be included in any study reports.

Please note that you can leave the study at any time. To do this, please call Mathematica at 609-799-3535 and then write a message that you do not want to be in the study anymore. You can send this message to [MATHEMATICA STAFF PERSON] at [MATHEMATICA ADDRESS]. Any information we collect about you before you asked to leave the study will be part of the research.

Thank you again for your assistance with this important study. If you have questions about the study, please contact Mathematica at [TOLL-FREE NUMBER].

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