

Employment Development Training (EDS) Program

Goodwill Industries of El Paso

Employee Development Service (EDS) Program 1

- Goodwill Industries of El Paso, has partnered with local school districts and their Transitional Special Education programs to operate a Goodwill retail store at their High Schools.
- The EDS program has been operational since 2010
- Goodwill Industries of El Paso is the only Goodwill nationwide to operate this program.

The EDS program provides training to transitional students that are near graduation by providing an opportunity to acquire work experience and job training in a retail environment.



Employee Development Service (EDS) Program 2

The EDS program is a Community Accreditation
 Rehabilitation Facility (CARF) accredited program.

- Students are required to complete 120 hours of classroom training and learn to manage and operate a retail store and all its functions.
- Upon successful completion, the student will receive a certificate of completion from Goodwill and will participate in a graduation ceremony.



Program Objectives

- Students will develop skills, attitudes, and work behaviors necessary for the world of work after graduation from High School.
- Maximize the use of the High School Transition space and Goodwill program resources.
- Increase student awareness of post-transitional programs and services. (agency night)
- Maximize student satisfaction with the program. Individual
 Service Plan (ISP) are developed during Student Intake process.
- Maximize the satisfaction of the school districts, parents/guardians and other stakeholders.



Retail Functional Skills Training includes:

- Customer Service Training
- Telephone Etiquette
- Workplace Safety
- Merchandising/displays
- Production skills
- Cash Register Operation
- Money Handling
- Soft Skills Training





Hands on Training





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Soft Skills Training

- Problem Solving and conflict resolution
- Adapting to Change
- Teamwork
- Professional Communications
- Work Cultures and Cultural Transition Attitudes
- Self-Advocacy
- Hygiene, grooming and appropriate workplace dress.



Employee Development Service (EDS) Graduation











Mission Service Outcomes Measurement Report Fall 2022- Spring 2023

Participants: 7 = Graduated: 7





Post Program Services

Mission Services

- Interview Skills Development to include "mock" interviews
- Resume and Job Application Assistance Training
- Advocacy
- Job-Link Centers



Collaborating as a Team

- Canutillo transition specialist will act as the liaison between Canutillo ISD, Goodwill and student trainees assigned to the job site.
- Collaboration between district and Goodwill will take place regularly in reviewing student progress.
- A district representative will work with Goodwill and student trainees during their internship at Goodwill.
- Days and hours will be agreed upon by Goodwill and District representative which will not exceed the normal academic schedule.









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