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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

ABOUT US

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is a nonprofit organization that invests in the economies of Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. The programs we fund help residents of Southwest Washington **get jobs that support families, strengthen our region's businesses and create a diverse workforce and strong economy.** Since 2003, we've invested more than **\$100 million to get people working** in Southwest Washington.

We fund programs and activities that prepare youth and adult workers for living-wage jobs

We consult local businesses to recruit, train or re-train employees

We invest in community programs that help people find jobs

- For example, we manage “Next,” Clark County’s **first and only youth employment and training center**

The benefits to the community include:

- **For people:** Programs that fund jobs that provide a living wage with room for growth
- **For businesses:** A workforce that is highly trained and motivated
- **For partners:** The opportunity to connect with like-minded organizations



COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE WORKFORCE COLLABORATIVE (CWWC)

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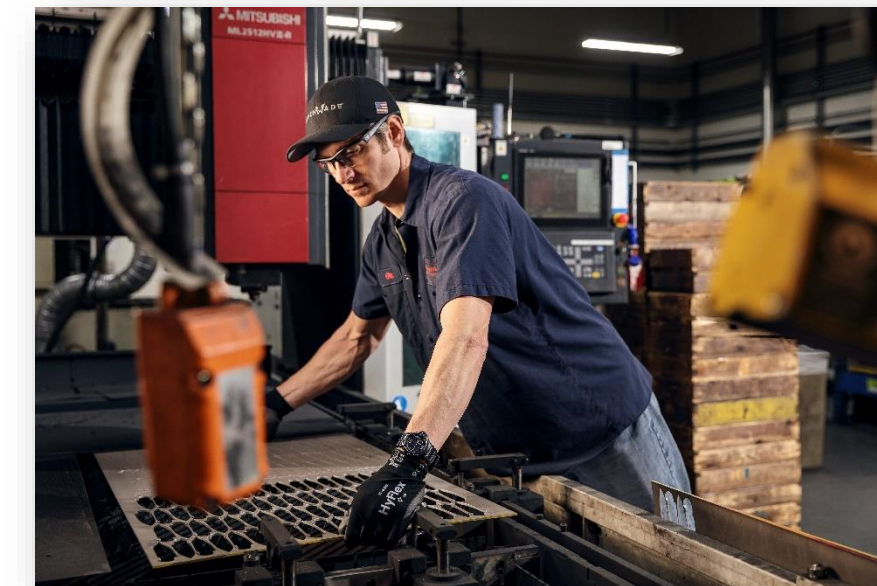
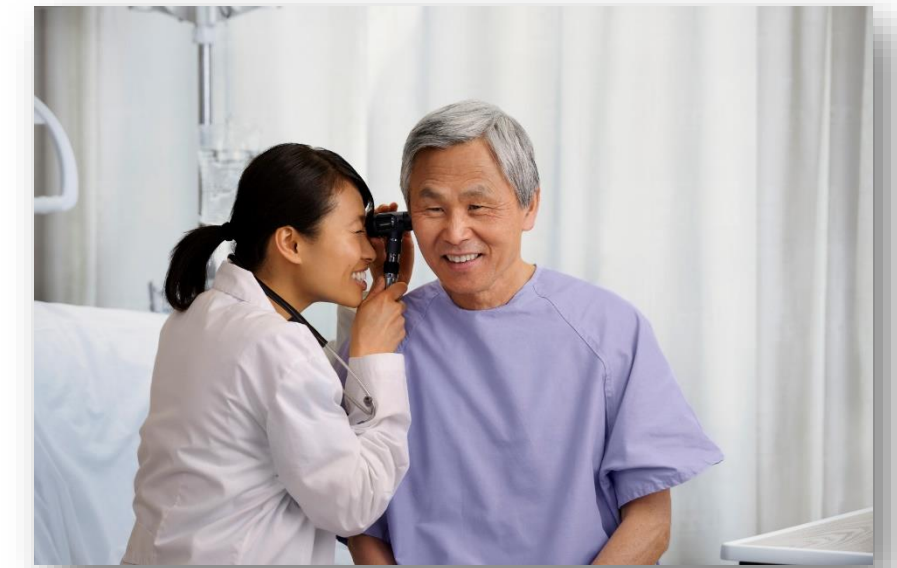
Workforce Southwest Washington – Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties
Worksystems Inc., – Multnomah and Washington counties
Clackamas Workforce Partnership – Clackamas County

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Unified approach to serving businesses, supporting economic development and guiding public workforce investments

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Active, industry-led advisory boards focused around Construction, Healthcare, Tech and Manufacturing

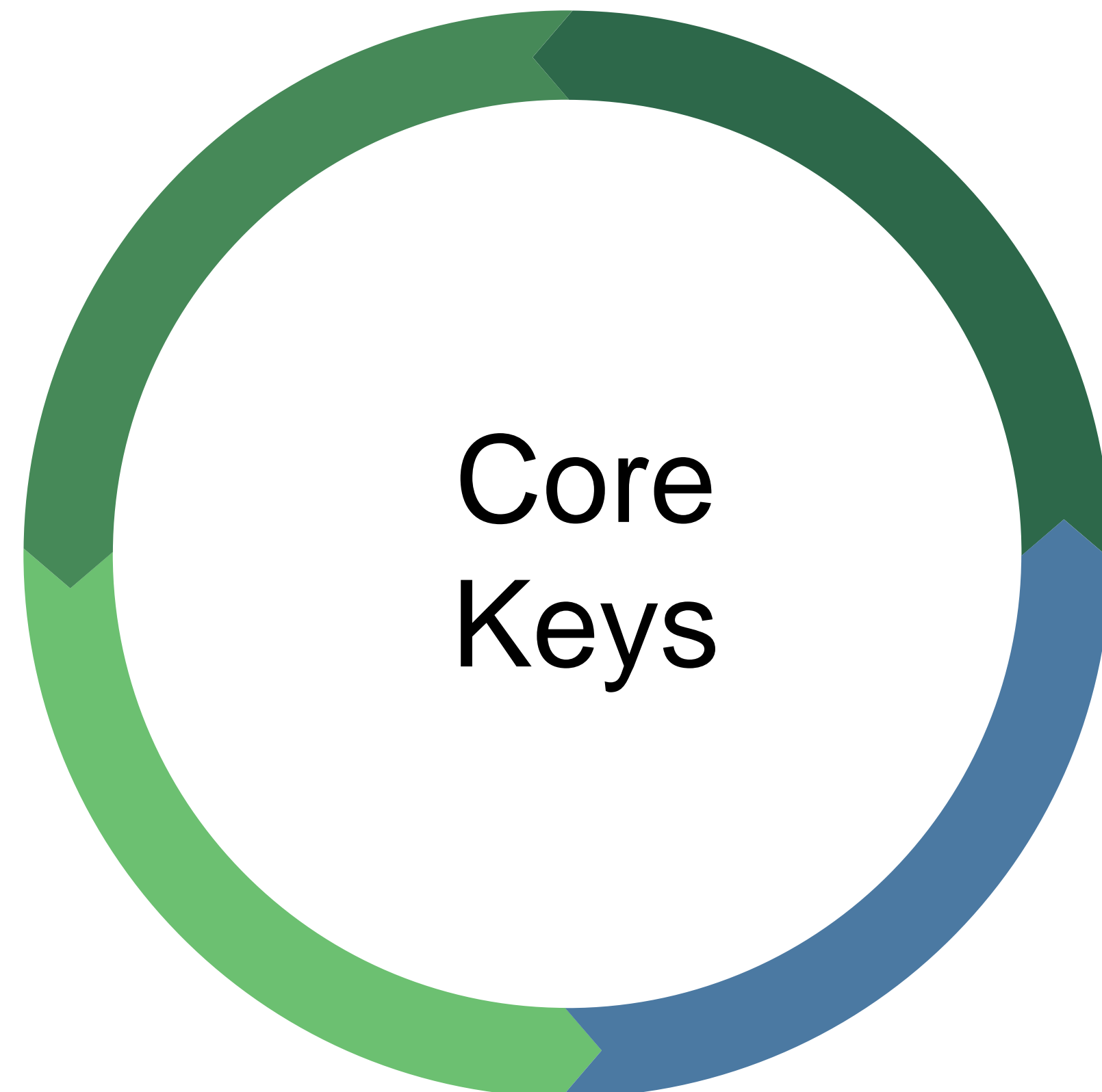


Business Engagement

Industry needs inform program design and shape investments



How WSW invests in the community



Business

Developing innovative approaches to meeting the human capital needs of our regional industries.



People

Empowering individuals to realize their full potential through meaningful education, training, and work.



System

Creating a world-class opportunity engine for Southwest Washington through sustaining a public-private partnership of business, education, government, and community-based partners.



Funding

Investing in, evaluating, and advocating for what works as entrusted stewards of public resources.

Program Development

Business need connecting with job seeker need



Next – Key Activities

Serving Opportunity Youth



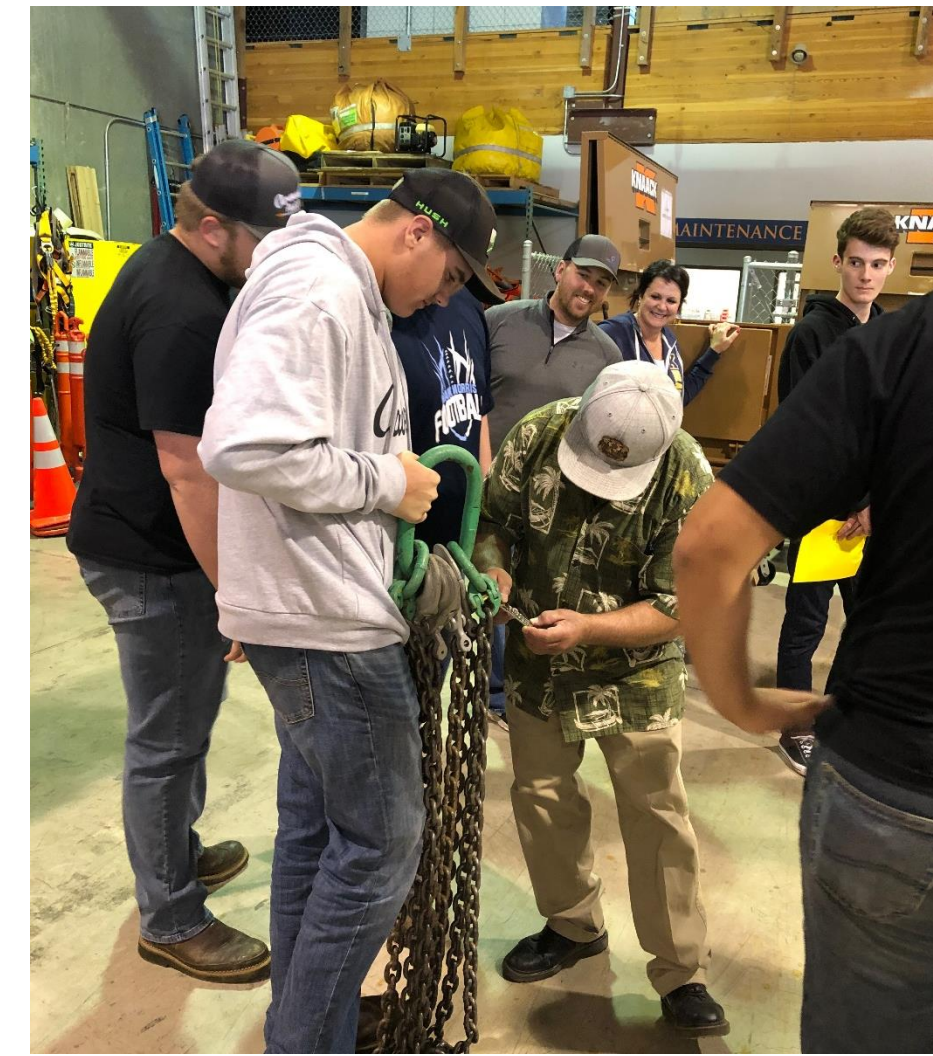
Workforce Academy

We work in partnership with the business community to provide career exploration opportunities for area youth.



Apprenticeship

We prepare students for careers in our four sectors through apprenticeship preparation trainings and connect them to local area apprenticeships.



Work Experience

Our investments fund meaningful, paid work experience to help young people learn and develop skills necessary to succeed in today's world of work.

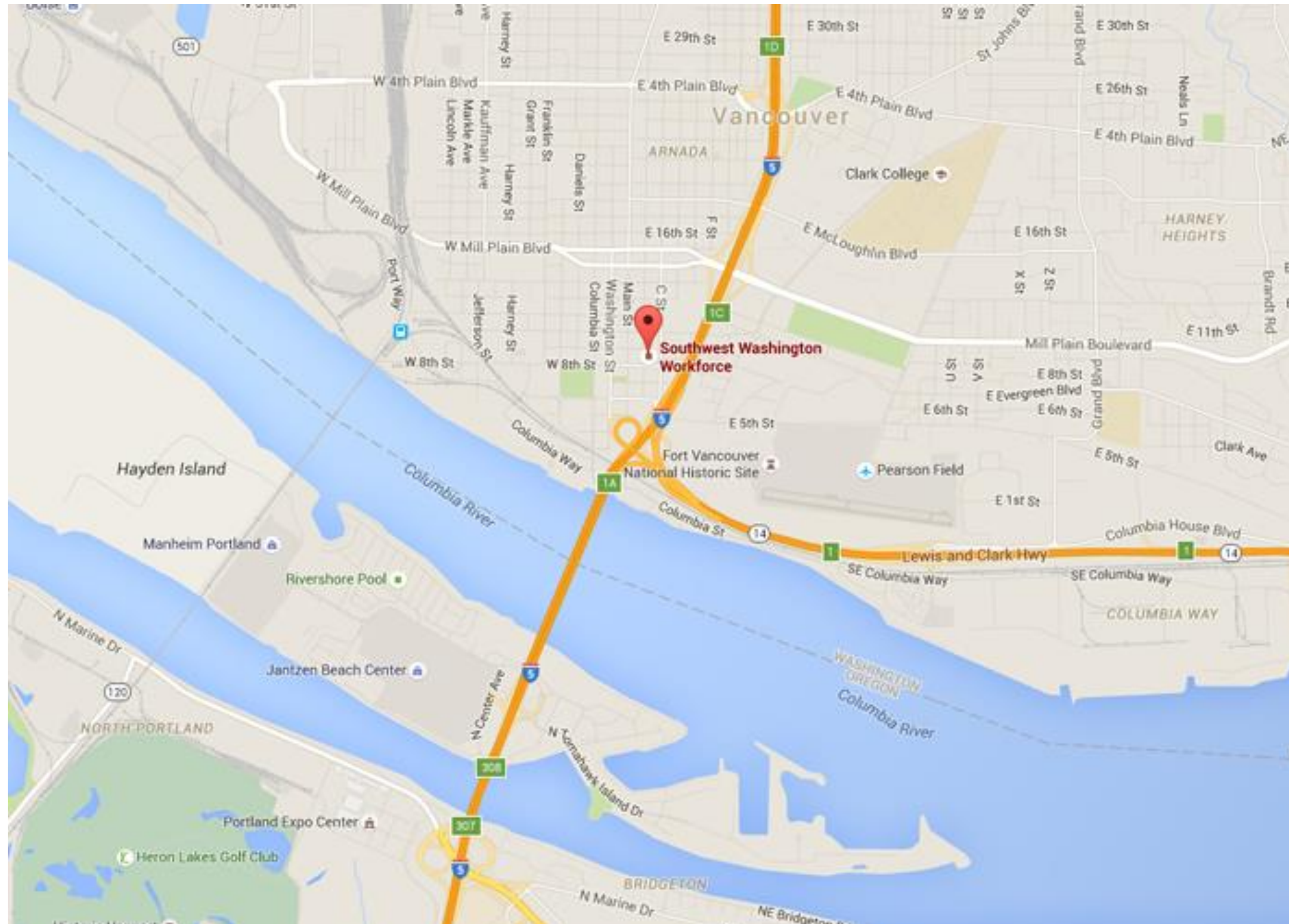


Post-Secondary Connections

Youth can work with Next to complete their HS Diploma or GED, if needed, and make connections to post-secondary programs at Clark College, Lower Columbia College, and WSU-Vancouver.



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