

Kerr-Tar WDB's services for young adults, funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), have been re-branded as NCWorks NextGen. The new brand supports an effort among North Carolina's 23 Workforce Development Boards to collectively communicate impact of WIOA Title I programs for young adults. The tagline included with the new logo is *Your Future Starts Here*.

The Kerr-Tar WDB partners with local and regional human services organizations, training providers, and employers to develop the next generation of talent. We strive to build programs that engage young adults to become interested in careers, identify job opportunities that combine their interests with career pathways and in-demand occupations, eliminate barriers to employment, and help them prepare for careers with the appropriate mix of training, work-based learning, and uniformity of services. Services are customized for each customer based on objective assessments and individual employment plans.

Some examples of workforce development services offered to young adults throughout the Kerr-Tar Local Area include:

- Career interest assessments and career development
- Job preparation and soft skills training
- Career guidance and labor market information
- Resume Building activities and job searching
- Skill building for specific career paths
- Tutoring services
- Mentoring opportunities
- College preparation and college tours
- Work-Based Learning opportunities such as On-the-Job training, Internships, Work Experience, Job Shadowing, and business tours
- Leadership Development opportunities
- Community Service projects
- Cultural and educational field trips
- Financial Literacy Education
- Entrepreneurship Skills Training
- Supportive Services that eliminate barriers to employment

Local NCWorks NextGen service providers include:

- Educational Data Systems, Incorporated (EDSI) located at NCWorks Career Center-Oxford, 111 Hilltop Village, Oxford (919-693-2686)

- Piedmont Community College located at Workforce Training Center, 303 South Morgan Street, Roxboro (336-599-4620)
- Vance-Granville Community College located at 200 Community College Road, Henderson Building 4, Room 4201 (252-738-3374)

To be eligible for NCWorks NextGen services, young adults must be between the ages of 16 and 24, reside in Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, or Warren Counties, and possess one or more barriers to employment defined by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. For more information about NCWorks NextGen in your community, contact [Ben Foti](#) or any of the NextGen service providers listed above.