

Experience Works! and the Waypoint Youth and Community Center- The Outpost River's Edge Eatery

Waypoint Youth and Community Center has the philosophy of helping today's youth to be productive members of society. They concentrate on empowerment and self-worth of each and every child that enters into the center. As they get to know each youth on an individual basis, the staff envelopes them with a sense caring like no other. They give them a safe place to be kids while molding and shaping them into being members of a caring community that serves one another. At the Outpost River's Edge Eatery, the youth have the opportunity to learn and grow. The skills that they obtain will help them to thrive as young adults. While the youth work at the Outpost, they learn how to run a business from a day to day aspect. They learn how to manage money, schedule staffing, prepare and prep for a day's worth of business (food prep, and materials). They also learn how to be safe and sanitary in a restaurant environment. They learn how to cook the items on the menu and the value of a dollar as far as what it costs to make certain items and the profits that are received. Youth, Travis Fritsch stated, "The grill is fun to work." One of the main goals that the youth have is to provide excellent customer service to the patrons of the Outpost. This ensures that they will have repeat business because the quality of the service and food is second to none. Lastly, The Outpost is teaching our youth how to have fun while they work. You will not see any frowning faces working at the Outpost. Youth, Brynne Keener said, "I love working here. It's a great experience." The leaders of Waypoint do a phenomenal job with balancing the atmosphere so that our youth will flourish. Program Coordinator, Jalena Morse states, "This year at the Outpost has been nothing but exceptional. With the help of WIB, we have been able to bring in some of the best interns we've ever had. Our sales have tripled since last year, we have extended our open hours and increased our in-house seating by 20%. We couldn't be more thankful to be serving West Newton and the GAP Trail." Funding provided by the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

