



South Carolina Commission for the Blind

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Agency Information

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Our mission is to provide quality individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services and prevention-of-blindness services to blind and visually impaired consumers, leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence.

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We offer **specialized and personalized services for individuals age 3 and up who are blind or have vision loss** that lead to social and economic independence.

- ▶ **Employment:** In our Vocational Rehabilitation program we help eligible consumers find, maintain, or regain employment. We provide counseling and guidance, educational opportunities, vocational training, and assistive technology to prepare them for career opportunities.
 - ▶ Our Business Enterprise Program helps qualified individuals become entrepreneurs and operate their own vending or food service business.

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- ▶ **Independence:** We help consumers remain independent within their homes and communities:
 - ▶ Children's Services assists children ages 3 to 12, ensuring they have assistive technology available at home (not just in school) and building confidence and self-sufficiency from an early age.
 - ▶ Older Blind Services assists those 55 and older in remaining independent by providing specialized training and low vision devices.
- ▶ **Prevention:** We provide financial assistance for sight-saving surgeries for individuals who otherwise could not afford it. Education on blindness prevention and eye safety is also provided around the state.

Increased Skills

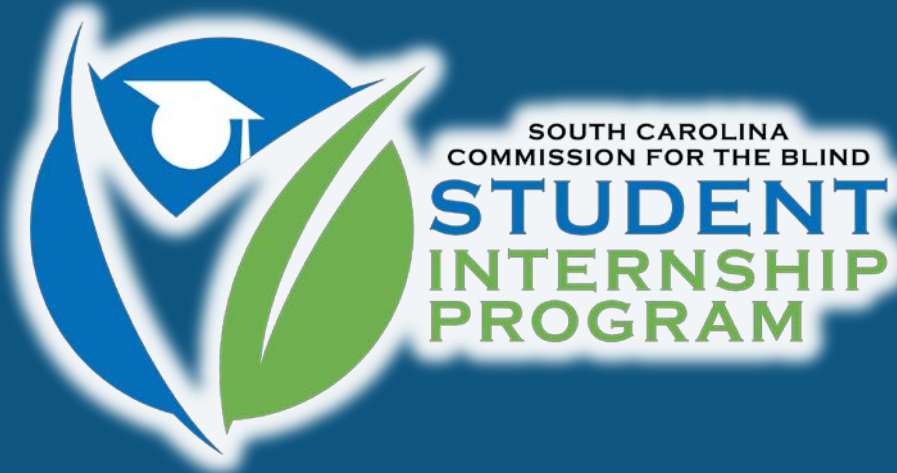
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Summer Teen 2021

Launch Your Way to Success



Work Experience



"Interning with the Richland County Public Defender's Office was an awesome experience. The judicial field is a lot more complicated than I thought and it makes me even more appreciative of the work that those involved do."

—Zion Askins



"I learned how to create a lesson plan, how to talk to children, organize a classroom and about various resources. I am so thankful that I got to work with Ms. Candice. She shared so many great tips about working in early childcare."

—Staycee Etheredge

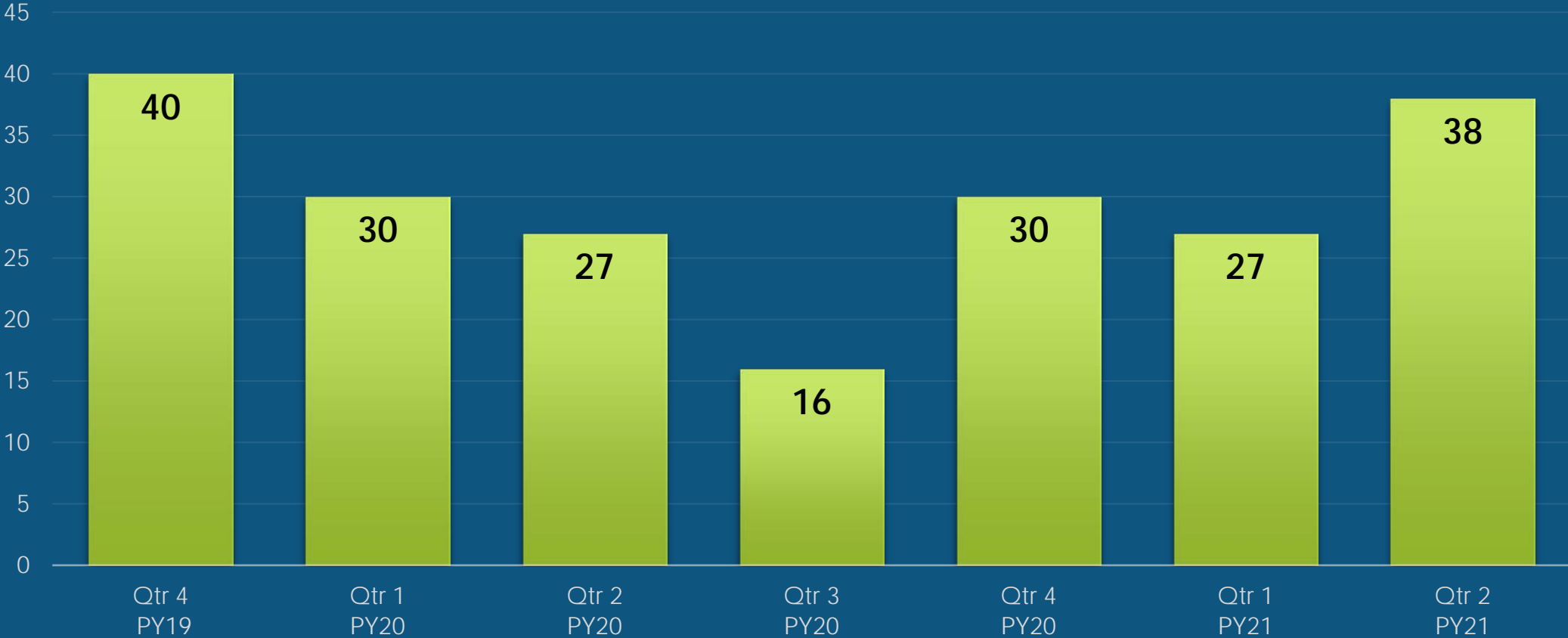
Training

Pre-Apprenticeship: Building Readiness for Individualized Development of Gainful Employment

- ▶ Soft skills development
 - ▶ Workplace etiquette
 - ▶ Successful conflict resolution
 - ▶ Resume preparation and interview techniques
- ▶ Customer Service Training
 - ▶ National Retail Federation Customer Service and Sales training curriculum and certification
- ▶ Job Shadowing
 - ▶ Participate in a work environment similar to occupational goal

Results

Successful Employment Outcomes



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Average Hourly Wages



Position	Hourly Wage
Construction Worker	\$45.00
Accessibility Consultant (Computer Occupation)	\$39.42
Production Worker	\$30.00
English Teacher	\$28.55
Registered Nurse	\$24.68

Wrap Up