

# RESTAURANT READY

## Putting Underserved Youth on a Path to Employment & Independence

Restaurant Ready is a national program dedicated to helping young adults acquire the basic job and life skills necessary to pursue jobs in the restaurant industry and jumpstart a pathway to independence.

Launched in 2016, the program focuses on serving the nation's opportunity youth: individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not in school and/or employed. Working with local community based organizations, the Foundation currently operates Restaurant Ready programs in Washington, D.C.; Dallas, TX; New Orleans, LA; Fort Collins, CO; and Salinas, CA.

### KEY STATS:

- 1 in 3 young people get their first job in a restaurant
- There are approximately 5 million opportunity youth in the U.S.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Restaurant Ready provides training for young adults in six work-ready competency areas defined by the restaurant industry
- The competencies are designed to help opportunity youth acquire the skills, discipline and confidence to start a job and stay employed
- Restaurant Ready directly links the individual to local employers and has a positive impact on the social and economic wellbeing of the community
- In addition to community based organizations, Restaurant Ready often includes the support of State Restaurant Associations

### GET INVOLVED:

To learn more about starting and/or supporting a Restaurant Ready program in your community, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady).