



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 18 locations across the country.

In October 2019, through a new initiative called the Hospitality Opportunity for People (Re)Entering Society (HOPES) project, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation will now also serve justice-involved young people between the ages of 18 – 24 through training, employment and apprenticeships in the restaurant and foodservice industry. [Click here to learn more about HOPES.](#)

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

KEY STATS



Get Their First Job
in a Restaurant

5 Million

Opportunity Youth
in the U.S.

\$4.5 M

Reentry Grant Through the
U.S. Department of Labor

18

Community-Based
Organizations

6

Key Competencies

Get Involved!



To learn more about starting and/or supporting a Restaurant Ready program in your community, visit ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady or Email RestaurantReady@nraef.org.

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