Program Structure

16-week Certificate Program that teaches basic peer counseling skills and introduces internship sites through field trips.

Upon completion of the Certificate Program, graduates have the option to enter the Employment Program and be placed in paid internships within the behavioral health field.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be between 18 and 24 years of age (aka Transitional Age Youth/TAY). 17 ok if turning 18 by Graduation
- Must be a resident of San Francisco.
- Must be able to provide documentation that you are eligible to legally work in the United States in order to receive payment for participation in the program.

Important Dates

Priority Application Deadline
December 18, 2023
5 PM PST

General Deadline
January 2, 2024
5 PM PST

First Day of Instruction
January 30, 2024

Graduation
May 19, 2024

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A program to empower youth to help each other through the transition from adolescence to adulthood.
Who We Are

**About RAMS**

Founded in 1974, Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS) is a nonprofit agency providing comprehensive, culturally competent services that aim to meet the behavioral health, social, vocational, and educational needs of the diverse San Francisco Area with special focus on the Asian & Pacific Islander American and Russian-speaking communities.

**About Youth 2 Youth**

Youth 2 Youth contributes to the workforce by preparing multi culturally competent participants with basic skills and knowledge for entry-level employment in the behavioral health system as peer counselors, and providing academic/career planning that supports their success in institutions of higher learning.

Program Goals

1. Graduates will be prepared to provide direct peer counseling services to other TAY in a paid internship.

2. Graduates will have increased ability, confidence, and direction for entering the behavioral health field.

3. Graduates will be prepared for a higher education learning environment.

Program Services

**Certificate Program**

Participants attend workshops, twice a week from 2 to 3 hours between the time frame of 3-6 PM on Tuesdays and Fridays* You'll learn about the wellness and recovery models, develop basic peer counseling skills, and explore different mental health topics. Participants are paid a stipend upon completion of the Certificate Program.

* Workshops will mostly be in-person workshops with some virtual meetings

**TAY Peer Internship Program - Post-Graduation**

Participants are placed at a paid internship site within the TAY System of Care. Participants work at their internship sites 8-12 hours per week and are paid at minimum wage.

**Employment Services**

After completing their internships, participants are eligible for the Hire-Ability Employment Services program, which works with individuals one-on-one to find competitive employment in the field.