

R.I.S.E FAQs

How old do you have to be to participate in the R.I.S.E Initiative? We work with anyone 18 and older who has employment and/ or education goals.

Do you work with people who are in their 50s and 60s? Yes! We work with anyone who has employment and/ or education goals.

How long is R.I.S.E? The program is 6 months.

Where is the training? Program activities are offered online via digital video conferencing software (for example, Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.).

Is R.I.S.E programming every day? Programming takes place Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 11am and 2:30pm.

Do I have to have a high school diploma or GED to participate? A GED or diploma is not required to participate. If you want to work on obtaining a GED or diploma we can support/ assist you.

Do you offer certificates in fields like Nurse Assisting (CNA) or Fork lift? We do not offer certified training at this time. We can support you in getting connected to training.

Do you serve people with a criminal record? Yes we do; having a criminal record does not disqualify one from participating in R.I.S.E.

How large are the groups? Cohorts are no larger than 15 people.

Do you provide child care? We do not provide child care at this time. If you are interested in participating in the R.I.S.E Initiative, participate in an information session. After the session, inform the presenter that this is a challenge; you two can strategize options to address this need.

Do I need to have identification (ID) to participate? Identification (ID) is not required for you to participate. It is needed for employment, so if you do not have it, we would encourage you to work with a coach to obtain it.

Will the staff at R.I.S.E get me job? R.I.S.E staff does not get participants jobs; we will work with you to connect you to employment opportunities, support you in your employment search and assist you in being as prepared as possible to obtain employment.

How long will it take for me to get a job? That depends on you. Once staff has reviewed (and approved) your resume and cover letter, participants can meet with the Employment Specialist who can provide referrals to employment opportunities and offer guidance and coaching for your independent job search.

Do you provide transportation assistance? Not at this time; given that our activities are all online, we do not offer transportation assistance.

Do I have to know how to use a computer to participate? You do not have to be an expert, but you do need to have internet access, a basic understanding of the computer and how to use Word (to create/ update your resume and cover letter).

How do I sign up for the R.I.S.E Initiative? Potential participants are strongly encouraged to attend an information session. At the info session, you will learn more about the support we offer, graduation requirements and incentives for participating. Interested individuals are then asked to complete the application, which lets us know you want to participate.