

RAMP Academy

Participants Served: 250

Annual Budget:
\$1.3 million*

Year Started:
2009



Purpose: To connect at-risk, disconnected young adults ages 18-24, from the most dangerous neighborhoods in the city, with training programs, the education system and barrier removal services.

Desired outcomes: Young Adults that successfully complete the six week intensive Job Readiness Training are connected to their next experience: training, transitional employment, education or direct employment.

Key components: The RAMP Academy is a six week program that includes:

- Six days of work based assessment
- Intensive boot camp style soft-skills training that includes a daily point system
- Drug testing
- A ropes course experience
- Life mapping exercise and life skills
- Mock interviews
- Weekly stipend that totals \$710 in 6 weeks
- Individual personal and career coaching
- Substance abuse counseling
- Connection to next experience upon successful program completion
- Case management and retention support for one year