

**Educational Programs and Opportunities**  
**For Children in Foster Care:**

**Prepared by: The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)**

**Middle School Programs**

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**Program: The Douglass School**

**Address:** 1800 Prospect Rd. Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Ms. Debra Williams

**Phone:** (302) 429-4146

**Age:** Grades 1-8

**General Information:**

- This school, found in the Christiana School District, provides an instructional environment for students who have had problems in traditional settings.

**Website:** <http://www.christina.k12.de.us/schools/Douglass/>

**Program: Junior Achievement**

**Address:** 522 S. Walnut Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

**Phone:** (302) 654-4510

**Email:** [info@jadel.org](mailto:info@jadel.org)

**Age:** Middle School

**General Information:**

- This organization sets up programs in which volunteers from the community conduct hands on courses for students. These courses focus on things like entrepreneurship, work readiness, life skills, and financial literacy/management. Both concepts and skills are taught and their application to the workplace is emphasized.

- A twelve week after school program is also available.

- There is a capstone job shadowing opportunity available also.

**Website:** <http://delaware.ja.org/>

**Related Scholarships:** [http://www.ja.org/nested/delaware/programs\\_evaluations.html](http://www.ja.org/nested/delaware/programs_evaluations.html)

**Program: Prestige Academy**

**Address:** 3707 N. Market Street, 2nd Floor, Wilmington, DE 198

**Email:** info@prestigeacademycs.org

**Phone:** (302) 276-5959

**Age:** Middle School

**Eligibility:** Boys only. Open to all families in Wilmington and surrounding communities.

**General Information:**

- Delaware's first all-boys charter school, Prestige Academy was founded to address the underperformance of young men in Wilmington and surrounding communities. This year they are taking their first class of fifth graders, and they plan to expand the school by one grade each year until their school serves grades five through eight. They offer a college preparatory curriculum, as well as character development in a disciplined, well-structured environment. The school plans to conduct regular data collection and internal assessments to ensure quality education. Additional supports include tutoring and extended day.

**Website:** <http://www.prestigeacademycs.org>

**- Soon to Open -**

**Program: Serviam Girls Academy**

**Address:** 1019 Brown Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 7907, Wilmington, DE 19803

**Email:** info@serviamgirlsacademy.org,

**Phone:** (302) 438-0004

**Age:** Middle School

**Eligibility:** Girls only. Incoming students must have successfully completed 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and be entering 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> and qualify for the federal free or reduced school lunch program.

**General Information:**

- Serviam Girls Academy is a newly founded Catholic middle school, now accepting applications for its first class of students.
- The school follows the NativityMiguel education model, which has shown a high success rate since its advent in 1971. Conceived to give high quality, tuition-free education to low income families, this model features small classes, an extended academic year, and extended school supports. Sixty-four schools nationwide use this model, including Nativity Preparatory School of Wilmington, Delaware.
- SGA also offers postgraduate support.

**Website:** <http://www.serviamgirlsacademy.org>

**On the NativityMiguel Model:** <http://www.nativitymiguelsschools.org/>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Delaware Prevention Network Alliance All Stars Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Tanny Collins

**Email:** [tcollins@westendnh.org](mailto:tcollins@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** Middle School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated School District

**General Information:**

- This program targets character building to prevent high-risk behaviors in youth and teens. Designed to support and motivate young people to avoid drug use and high-risk behaviors, development meaningful relationships with each other and the institutions that serve them and motivate them to develop positive characters and lifestyles.

**Websites:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsYouthServices.htm>  
<http://www.dpna-stars.org/>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Tutoring**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Maria Shvchenko

**Email:** [mshevchenko@westendnh.org](mailto:mshevchenko@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** Middle School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated School District

**General Information:**

- Affordable, year-round academic services included individualized tutoring, homework assistance, computerized instruction, computer access, and more.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsTutoring.htm>

## High School and Workforce Preparation Programs

**Program: Brandywine School District**

**Address:** 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Claymont, DE 19703

**Phone:** (302) 793-5000

**Email:** info@bsd.k12.de.us

**Age:** High School Aged up to 21 Years of Age

**General Information:**

- **The Community Based Program** clusters students with peers according to levels, and focuses on functional skills. After the students leave high school their education continues until the age of 21 in an apartment setting to maximize daily living and employment opportunities (Called Skills for Independence, Transition and Employment or SITE). The Schools that house the Community Based program are Mount Pleasant Elementary, P.S. duPont Elementary, Springer Middle School, Brandywine High, Concord High, and Mt. Pleasant High. The SITE program is located at Talley Middle School, Mount Pleasant High School Whitney Apartment complex on Naamans Road.

- **The Intensive Learning Center** provides a highly structured educational program to those students with serious behavioral and emotional needs. In addition to the teaching staff, the ILC utilizes the skills of a treatment team therapist and psychiatrist. This is the most restrictive setting in the Brandywine School District and serves as a short to medium term intervention. When students are stabilized, they return to their home school environment.

**Website:**

<http://www.bsd.k12.de.us/SpecialPrograms/SpecialEducation/SpecializedPrograms.htm>

**Program: Delaware Technical & Community College's Tech Prep/School to Work**

**Locations:** Various Public High Schools throughout the State

**Contact:** Simone White

**Phone:** (302) 739-7489

**Email:** swhite7@dtcc.edu

**Age:** High School

**Eligibility:** Undisclosed

**Cost:** Free

**General Information:**

- This website offers a page which helps explore career options for someone who is undecided about what to do with their future.

- Information about the location of public high schools which take part in the articulated technical programs is provided here. Articulation is a process which awards college credit to qualifying high school students who choose to continue their education in a targeted career pathway, meaning a course of study that prepares students for immediate employment or entry into a postsecondary education. Competencies masters in a collection of high school classes are equated to a college class.

- It also offers a link to Delaware Technical Community College, which an individual can attend if they have achieved a GED. SATs are not required.

**Website:** <http://www.careerconnect.dtcc.edu/techprep-home.html>

**Program: Job Corps**

**Address:** 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210

**Contact:** U.S. Department of Labor

**Phone:** (800) 733-5627

**Age:** 16-24

**Eligibility:** Individual must be an economically disadvantaged youth.

**General Information:**

- Federally funded job training and education program.
- Provides GED preparation, job training, and a monthly allowance.
- After graduating the program, transitional support such as housing location, child care and transportation are offered for up to 18 months.

**Website:** <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/join.htm>

**Program: Jobs for Delaware Graduates, Inc.**

**Locations:** Serves all Delaware Counties with Offices in Dover and Milford

**Headquarters Address:** 381 W. North Street, Dover, DE 19904

**Contact:** Dr. Susanna Lee, President

**Phone:** (302) 734-9341

**Email:** [info@jobsdegrads.org](mailto:info@jobsdegrads.org)

**Age:** 16-21

**General Information:**

- Provides school-to-work transition services to students in public DE high schools.
- A JDG Specialist works with school counselors and administrators to identify students for the program. Those who meet the criteria and enrollment requirements are scheduled for the JDG Class and receive an elective credit each year.
- The program provides goal building, skill/interest assessments, course completion to bring students up to grade level, job skill development, job shadowing experiences, part time and full time job placements, follow up services for a year after graduation, school drop out recovery and prevention, and more.
- JDG also provides an Out of School Program and a Multiyear program for those who have more than one year's worth of curriculum to complete with JDG.
- The Out of School Program's objective is to enrich the employment and educational status of 16-21 year olds through career training, counseling, mentoring, and job placement. Individuals are eligible if they are Kent/Sussex County residents who are high school graduates/have earned a GED/are currently enrolled in an alternative school program including Groves or DAPI, etc./ are in a non-traditional school and have not been awarded a diploma or GED. It is free of cost.

**Website:** <http://www.jobsdegrads.org/>

**Program: Junior Achievement****Address:** 522 S. Walnut Street, Wilmington, DE 19801**Phone:** (302) 654-4510**Email:** info@jadel.org**Age:** High School**General Information:**

- This organization sets up programs in which volunteers from the community conduct hands on courses for High School students. These courses focus on things like entrepreneurship, work readiness, life skills, and financial literacy/management. Both concepts and skills are taught and their application to the workplace is emphasized.
- A twelve week after school program is also available.
- There is a capstone job shadowing opportunity available also.

**Website:** <http://delaware.ja.org/>**Related Scholarships:** [http://www.ja.org/nested/delaware/programs\\_evaluations.html](http://www.ja.org/nested/delaware/programs_evaluations.html)**Program: Polytech Adult Education Program****Address:** 823 Walnut Shade Rd., P.O. Box 102, Woodside, DE 19980**Phone:** (302) 697-4545**General Information:**

- Located in Woodside which is in Kent County, this program offers both day and evening options, and boasts to be the most affordable in the state.
- It offers apprenticeship training for trade occupations and offers daytime and evening certificate programs in Allied Health Professions, Business/Information Technology, Culinary Arts & Hospitality, and Residential Mechanical Skills Technology.
- Also offers multiple ESL programs.

**Website:** <http://www.polytechworks.com/>

**Program: Sarah Pyle Academy**

**Address:** 501 North Lombard Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

**Contact:** Wendy Lapham

**Phone:** (302) 552-2610

**Email:** laphamw@christina.k12.de.us

**Age:** High School Age/in at least 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**Eligibility:** Students must live within the Christina School District, currently attend a high school in the district and meet the selection criteria, or students returning from an outside agency or alternative school who live in one of the District's high school feeder patterns and meet the selection criteria, or be students who have withdrawn from one of the District's high schools six months prior to the time of referral and who meet the selection criteria. Students must be referred for admission from their feeder high school. Individuals must meet one or more of the following: be of high school age or be in at least 9<sup>th</sup> grade, have excessive absences, and/or have behavioral issues.

**General Information:**

- This is a non-traditional high school.
- The school offers traditional regular and special education, with the addition of non-traditional electives focused on job preparation, like internships and service learning. Expectations are established for academic achievement, behavior, dress, and attendance.

**Website:** <http://www.christina.k12.de.us/SarahPyleAcademy/>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Delaware Prevention Network Alliance  
All Stars Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Tanny Collins

**Email:** tcollins@westendnh.org

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** Middle School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated School District

**General Information:**

- This program targets character building to prevent high-risk behaviors in youth and teens. Designed to support and motivate young people to avoid drug use and high-risk behaviors, development meaningful relationships with each other and the institutions that serve them and motivate them to develop positive characters and lifestyles.

**Websites:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsYouthServices.htm>  
<http://www.dpna-stars.org/>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Delaware Prevention Network Alliance Too  
Good for Drugs & Violence Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Tanny Collins

**Email:** [tcollins@westendnh.org](mailto:tcollins@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** High School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated School District

**General Information:**

- This is a comprehensive prevention education program to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to remain safe and drug free through promoting bonding, development of positive life skills, and violence and drug free social norms.

**Websites:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsYouthServices.htm>

<http://www.mendezfoundation.org/educationcenter/tgfd/tgfdclassroom/hs.htm>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Life Lines Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Hayley Schmittinger

**Email:** [hschmittinger@westendnh.org](mailto:hschmittinger@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** 16-21

**Eligibility:** Life Lines is a program that serves young adults (in the New Castle County area) in the foster care system and those who have aged out. Individuals ages 16-21 are eligible to receive Independent Living services and potentially housing. Individuals who are in foster care are referred by the Division of Family Services; those who have aged out of care and are between the ages of 18-21 can make a self referral. All referrals for housing are made through Independent Living Providers.

**General Information:**

- Life Lines Serves current and former foster care youth. It is designed to help them become self sufficient, contributing members of society through education, training, financial education, medication management, employment placement assistance, mental health services coordination, and general life skills instruction.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsLifeLines.htm>



**Program: West End Neighborhood House Reflections Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Kenyetta McCurdy-Byrd

**Email:** kmcbyrd@westendnh.org

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** High School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated. An individual must be 16-21 years of age, below the poverty line, and who experience one or more “youth barriers” such as being a foster child, experiencing homelessness, deficient in basic literacy skills, unemployed, etc.

**General Information:**

- This program involves individual instruction, GED preparation, and job placement aid. It focuses on the skills necessary to obtain personal and economic independence.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsReflections.htm>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Tutoring**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Maria Shvchenko

**Email:** mshevchenko@westendnh.org

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** High School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated School District

**General Information:**

- Affordable, year-round academic services included individualized tutoring, homework assistance, computerized instruction, computer access, and more.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsTutoring.htm>

## Diploma and General Education Development (GED) Programs/Preparation

**Program: Adult Basic Education Program**

**Address:** John W. Collette Educational Resource Center, 35 Commerce Way, Ste. 1 Dover, DE 19904

**Contact:** Maureen Whelan, Director

**Phone:** (302) 857-3340

**Email:** mwhelan@doe.k12.de.us

**Age:** 16+

**Eligibility:** Designed for those over 16 years of age, who are out of school.

**General Information:**

- This program teaches basic skills needed to earn a high school diploma or GED.

**Website:** [http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted\\_pages/abe-programs.shtml](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted_pages/abe-programs.shtml)

**Program: Delaware Vo-Tech District**

**Testing Center:** Marshallton Education Center, 1703 School Lane, Wilmington, DE 19808

**Phone:** (302) 683-3642

**Age:** 16+

**Eligibility:** Must be over 16 years of age and officially withdrawn from high school to participate.

**Cost:** The official practice test fee is \$35.00 and the Official GED test fee is \$75.00.

**General Information:**

- The GED program has open enrollment from September to June, and takes less than a year to complete. Tests are offered each month.

**Website:** <http://www.nccvtadulthoodeducation.com/academics.shtml>

**Program: James H. Groves Adult High School**

**Locations:** Wilmington, Marshallton, Newark, Middletown, Woodside, and Georgetown

**Contact:** See Locations Website for Details on Each Location

**Age:** 16+

**Eligibility:** Adults who reside or work in Delaware.

**Cost:** \$40 per semester regardless of the number of courses taken.

**General Information:**

- To gain admission individuals should call a local center for registration times and dates. At the testing/registration a fee is charged and time is allowed for meeting with a counselor. Please bring a reference and an official school transcript, and arrive promptly.
- Submit a completed application form.
- Online courses through Diploma-At-A-Distance are offered as well to help accommodate work schedules.

**Admissions Website:** <http://jhgroves.homestead.com/admission.html>

**Registration Centers Website:** <http://jhgroves.homestead.com/locations.html>

**Diploma-at-a-Distance Website:** <http://daad.homestead.com/>

**Program: Job Corps**

**Address:** 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210

**Contact:** U.S. Department of Labor

**Phone:** (800) 733-5627

**Age:** 16-24

**Eligibility:** Individual must be an economically disadvantaged youth.

**General Information:**

- Federally funded job training and education program.
- Provides GED preparation, job training, and a monthly allowance.
- After graduating the program, transitional support such as housing location, child care and transportation are offered for up to 18 months.

**Website:** <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/join.htm>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Reflections Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Kenyetta McCurdy-Byrd

**Email:** [kmcburd@westendnh.org](mailto:kmcburd@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** High School

**Eligibility:** Low to moderate income families residing in the Red Clay Consolidated. An individual must be 16-21 years of age, below the poverty line, and who experience one or more “youth barriers” such as being a foster child, experiencing homelessness, deficient in basic literacy skills, unemployed, etc.

**General Information:**

- This program involves individual instruction, GED preparation, and job placement aid. It focuses on the skills necessary to obtain personal and economic independence.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsReflections.htm>

## Postsecondary Transitions and Funding

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**Program:** Delaware Technical & Community College's Tech Prep/School to Work  
**Campuses:** Locations in Wilmington, Terry, Stanton, and Owens

**Age:** Post High School

**Information:**

- This website offers a page which helps explore career options for someone who is undecided about what to do with their future.
- It also offers a link to Delaware Technical Community College, which an individual can attend if they have achieved a GED. SATs are not required.

**Website:** <http://www.careerconnect.dtcc.edu/techprep-home.html>

**Delaware Tech's Direct Webpage:** <http://www.dtcc.edu/>

**Program:** Trio Upward Bound Classic Program

**Mailing Address:** Delaware Technical & Community College Office 430  
Wilmington, DE 19801

**Phone:** (302) 573-5438

**Age:** High School (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade to apply)

**Eligibility:** Families must meet income requirements. The student must be a prospective first-generation college student and attend on of the following schools: Brandywine, Concord, Mount Pleasant, Christiana, Glasgow, Newark, or William Penn.

**To apply:** Contact the program at the number or address above for an application packet.

**Information:**

- This program is designed to ensure students graduate high school and to assist in the transition to postsecondary education. During the school year, the program includes special events, workshops, academic counseling, and visits to college campuses. In the summer, students participate in a six-week day education program at Delaware Tech that teaches standard academic subjects, while promoting personal development and career/college exploration.

**Website:** <http://www.dtcc.edu/ccpsw/ubc/index.html>

**Delaware Tech's Direct Webpage:** <http://www.dtcc.edu/>

**Program: Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) Scholarship**

**Age:** Post High School

**Eligibility:** Individual must graduate after 2006 from a high school in Delaware and enroll in technical community college or the AA program at University of Delaware. Students must enroll the Fall after graduation, have a 2.5 GPA, and have no felony convictions. Students must first fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Cost:** Free

**General Information:**

- This scholarship provides free tuition for all students that meet the criteria.
- DCTT and UD have separate application processes. See their websites for more information and application deadlines

**Website:** <http://seedscholarship.delaware.gov/>

**Further Resources**

- *Special education* funds allocated under IDEA can be used for “transition services” – i.e. activities that ease the transition into independent living and programs, such as postsecondary education and vocational training. These services can be accessed as part of a special education student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- *Carl D. Perkins* funds, distributed by the U.S. Department of Education support both vocational education and transitions to postsecondary education.
- The *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* provides funds toward employment and training services. These services have become more accessible to foster youths (current and former) since federal agencies have made them a high priority group. Since the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) distributes these funds, one can find additional information and register for programs at any of their four “One-Stop Centers” in DE:

**New Castle**

The Fox Valley Shops  
4425 N. Market Street  
Wilmington, DE 19802  
Phone: (302) 761-8085

**Kent**

1114 S. DuPont Highway  
Suite 104  
Dover, DE 19901  
Voice (302) 739-5473

**Sussex**

Pencader Corporate Commons  
225 Corporate Boulevard  
Suite 211  
Newark, DE 19702  
Voice (302) 368-6622

600 N. DuPont Highway  
Suite 207  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
Voice (302) 856-5230

## Programs for Pregnant Teens or Teen Mothers

**Program: The Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.**

**Address:** DE Adolescent Program, Inc. 2900 Van Buren St. Wilmington, DE 19802

**Locations:** New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties

**Phone:** New Castle (302) 764-9740      **Kent** (302) 697-0356      **Sussex** (302) 856-7331

**General Information:**

- This is a school based program for pregnant teens which includes academic instruction in the classroom, and then homebound instruction immediately following giving birth.
- On Site Social Services, Health Services, and Childcare Services are also made available as part of the Program.
- A Mentoring Program runs year round for up to fifty students.

**Website:** <http://www.dapi.org/>

**Program: West End Neighborhood House Reflections Program**

**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Kenyetta McCurdy-Byrd

**Email:** [kmcbyrd@westendnh.org](mailto:kmcbyrd@westendnh.org)

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** High School

**General Information:**

- This program involves individual instruction, GED preparation, and job placement aid. It focuses on the skills necessary to become an active participant in their children's education and those needed to obtain person and economic independence.
- To be eligible, an individual must be 16-21 years of age, below the poverty line, and receiving public assistance.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsReflections.htm>

## Programs for Incarcerated Teens

**Program: Jobs for Delaware Graduates, Inc.**

**Locations:** Serves all Delaware Counties with Offices in Dover and Milford

**Headquarters Address:** 381 W. North Street, Dover, DE 19904

**Contact:** Dr. Susanna Lee, President

**Phone:** (302) 734-9341

**Email:** info@jobsdegrads.org

**Age:** 13-18

**Eligibility:** Individual must be an adjudicated male teen who is deemed to be a chronic offender.

**General Information:**

- Provides school-to-work transition services to students in public DE high schools.
- The Youth Corrections Program (YCP) allows teen offenders to be sentenced to 6 months at the YCP Facility. Reintegration and job preparation are the main focuses,
- and job/educational placement is required.

**Website:** <http://www.jobsdegrads.org/>

## Programs for Those Currently or Previously in Foster Care:

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**Address:** 710 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

**Contact:** Hayley Schmittinger

**Email:** hschmittinger@westendnh.org

**Phone:** (302) 658-4171

**Age:** 16-21

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**General Information:**

- Life Lines is designed to help individuals become self sufficient, contributing members of society through education, training, financial education, medication management, employment placement assistance, mental health services coordination, and general life skills instruction.

**Website:** <http://www.westendnh.org/programsLifeLines.htm>

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs:

**Program: Adult Basic Education Program**

**Address:** John W. Collette Educational Resource Center, 35 Commerce Way, Ste. 1 Dover, DE 19904

**Contact:** Maureen Whelan, Director

**Phone:** (302) 857-3340

**Email:** mwhelan@doe.k12.de.us

**Age:** 16+

**Eligibility:** Designed for those over 16 years of age, who are out of school.

**General Information:**

- This program teaches basic skills needed to earn a high school diploma or GED.
- It also offers ESL programs.

**Website:** [http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted\\_pages/abe-programs.shtml](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted_pages/abe-programs.shtml)

**Program: Polytech Adult Education Program**

**Address:** 823 Walnut Shade Rd., P.O. Box 102, Woodside, DE 19980

**Phone:** (302) 697-4545

**General Information:**

- Located in Woodside which is in Kent County.
- This Program offers multiple ESL programs.

**Website:** <http://www.polytechworks.com/>



## Early Education Programs

### **Program: Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)**

**Age:** Preschool

**Eligibility:** The child must be four years old by August 31. Children in foster care are automatically eligible. Otherwise, families must either fall under federal poverty guidelines or be receiving public assistance.

#### **General Information:**

- Modeled after Head Start, Delaware ECAP centers provide educational, health, and social services to children of low-income families.

**Website:** <http://www.lf.k12.de.us/decc/assistance.html>

#### **Locations:**

South Dover Elementary  
ECAP  
955 South State Street  
Dover, DE 19901  
Contact: Angela Williams  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 34

The Learning Center ECAP  
258 North Rehoboth  
Milford, DE 19963  
Contact: Evelin Camacho  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 10

Towne Point Elementary  
ECAP  
629 Buckson Drive  
Dover, DE 19901  
Contact: Sidney White  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 28

Booker T. Washington  
Elementary ECAP  
901 Forest Street  
Dover, DE 19901  
Contact: Sidney White  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 28

Coverdale Crossroads ECAP  
Fisher Mill Road West  
Bridgeville, DE 19933  
Contact: Cynthia Hall  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 35

The Breakfast Club ECAP  
727 S. Washington St.  
Milford, DE 19962  
Contact: Evelin Camacho  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 10

Kent County Community  
School ECAP  
654 Carver Road  
Dover, DE 19904  
Contact: Angela Williams or  
Sidney White  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 4/28

East Dover Elementary  
ECAP  
852 South Little Creek Road  
Dover, DE 19901  
Contact: Angela Williams  
Tel: (302)398-8945, ext. 34

Church of the Nazarine ECAP  
25668  
Seaford, DE 19973  
Contact: Katie Hoffman  
Tel: (302) 398-8945, ext. 17

**Program: Early CHOICES**

**Age:** 3-4 years old

**Eligibility:** Child must be 3-4 years old with early developmental or speech/language delays.

**General Information:**

- Services include special education, speech therapy, assessments and evaluations for three- and four-year-olds who have developmental and speech delays. This program also offers family training and support.

**Website:** <http://www.lf.k12.de.us/decc/earlychoices.html>

**Main Offices:**

New Castle County Office

New Castle Corporate Commons  
2 Reads Way, Suite 126  
New Castle, DE 19720  
Tel: (302) 323-5370  
Monday - Friday,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sussex County Office

132 E. Market Street, Suite B  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
Tel: (302) 856-5909/5908  
FAX: (302) 856-5599  
Monday - Friday,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kent County Office

12 W. Loockerman Street  
Dover, DE 19901  
Tel: (302) 739-4707/4706 or 2151  
FAX: (303) 739-3938  
Monday - Friday,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Program: Even Start Family Literacy Program**

**Ages:** (approx.) 6 weeks – 3 yrs.

**Phone:** (302) 857-3340 (DE Department of Education)

**Locations:** Christina, Appoquinimink, Polytech, Lake Forest, Indian River, Red Clay, West End Neighborhood Center, and Sussex Tech

**Eligibility:** Families must be low income and without a high school education. Children must live in Title I attendance areas.

**General Information:**

- Even Start programs offer simultaneous early childhood education and adult education services with the aim of fostering a literate home environment.
- Adult ESL services are available through this program.

**Website:** <http://ltgov.delaware.gov/information/education/evenstart.shtml>

**Program: Head Start****Age:** Preschool**Locations:** New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties

For a full listing of local sites, please see the online state program directory:

<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/programs/earlychildhood/programdir.shtml>**Contact:** Martha Toomey, Work Group Director**Email:** mtoomey@doe.k12.de.us**Phone:** (302) 735-4210**Fax:** (302) 739-2388**Eligibility:** Child must be five years old or younger (although the program especially targets the 3-yo and older age range). Children in foster care are automatically eligible. Otherwise, families must either fall under federal poverty guidelines or be receiving public assistance.**General Information:**

- Head Start prepares children for school by providing comprehensive educational and child development services. This federally funded program has been around for over forty years. In Delaware, it is administered by the local agencies listed in the directory referenced above.

**Website:** <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/programs/hs/default.shtml>**Program: New Directions Early Head Start for Kent County****Age:** 6 weeks to 3-yo**Address:** 65-I Carver Road, Dover, DE 19904**Contact:** Cherly Clendaniel, Program Coordinator**Phone:** (302) 739-8414**Fax:** (302) 739-8416**Eligibility:** Income-based.**General Information:**

- Early childhood educators meet year-round with groups of 8 children at Kent County Community School in Dover.
- A Family Service Worker at the site assists families in meeting goals and accessing resources.
- The program also makes home visits to a small number of families.

**Website:** <http://www.lf.k12.de.us/decc/newdirections.html>

## **Other Resources:**

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**Resource: A List of Private Business and Trade Schools**

**Website:**

<http://www.doe.state.de.us/services/students/trade/files/PrivateBusinessTradeSchool%20List-08.xls>

**Resource: Kent and Sussex Learning Resource Centers**

**Website:** <http://lrc.doe.state.de.us/winnebago/index.asp>

**Resource: New Castle Education Resource Center**

**Website:** <http://www.erc.udel.edu/>

**Resource: Adult Education Website**

**Information:** Compiles resources from many of the above listed programs

**Website:** <http://www.k12.de.us/adulted/index.html>

**Resource: GED Testing Center List**

**Website:** [http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted\\_pages/ged-centers.shtml](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/services/guide/adulted_pages/ged-centers.shtml)

**Resource: Alternative Education Programs List**

**Website:** [http://www.doe.state.in.us/stn/pdf/alted\\_programs.pdf](http://www.doe.state.in.us/stn/pdf/alted_programs.pdf)