



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

2025 Summer Programs

“The summer programs my daughter attended last summer had an enormous effect on her development, emotionally, socially and academically. She was a changed teen after her experience with the Carroll Center and I am forever grateful to your organization for her growth and the insights she came away with as a result of attending.”

YOUTH IN TRANSITION

July 7 - August 14



Our six-week residential summer program provides teens, ages 15 to 20, an opportunity to develop life skills for success in high school, college, and work. Participants will learn to travel in urban areas, do their laundry, cook their favorite foods, improve their technology skills, work independently, and be a leader and self-advocate. Participants enjoy recreational activities around Boston to practice newly learned skills and socialize. Field trips occur weekly and various clubs are offered each weekday afternoon and evening. These are all opportunities to reinforce skills in the area of daily living, technology, and orientation and mobility, and more. Students will demonstrate independent living skills while living in a dormitory which will increase their skills, advocacy, and accountability in the transition from youth to adulthood. No matter where a student is headed, this six-week program will ensure they have the foundation to make their next step successful.

REAL WORLD OF WORK

June 30 - August 14

Spend the summer experiencing various vocational, community, and entrepreneurial experiences, developing your independence, and socializing with peers. If you are age 16 or older, and have had little or no work experience, our summer work experience program will provide you with both paid summer work as well as creative business innovation events. Each week will be a combination of part-time community work, group business endeavors, meeting employees who are blind, learning about budgeting, volunteering, and participating in recreational activities. Students must have up-to-date immunizations, a photo ID, a laptop, and be able to travel independently using public and or para-transit, and have the stamina to work 3 days per week. Internships include both in-person and remote work and students must be able to independently manage remote job tasks. Students will be living in a supervised dorm at a local suburban college campus preparing their own meals and eating in the college dining hall with access to Boston.

Students who do not have the technology skills to utilize their laptop efficiently in a work environment and need training can attend a one-week technology program (June 23-27) before the Real World of Work program begins. Four mandatory PreETS meetings occur in the spring to address soft skills, resume building, and interview skills.



COMPUTING FOR COLLEGE

July 7 - July 25

Whether you are a high school junior or senior planning to go to college or a current college student seeking to advance your skills, this 3-week program will elevate your computer skills so you are more independent in higher education. Students will be provided with training in Windows, the most popular Microsoft and Google Suite applications, web browsing, and other topics critical for academic success. Students will attend a series of sessions on college-related topics including strategies for engaging with college disability staff to obtain accessible materials, accessing research databases, social life in college and more! Enjoy activities and field trips around Boston with peers.

Computing for College - Remote Session: July 28 - August 8

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

7 - 10 weeks

Our Summer Internships are open to capable, enthusiastic, students (ages 19 to 26) looking for the opportunity to gain valuable experience in education/rehabilitation, science, or, non-profit careers. Housing and meals are included - only a few slots are available for each opportunity.

CARROLL TEENS (Grades 6-9)

June 29 - July 3

Overnight program offers students an opportunity to develop their independence and self-confidence, demonstrating self-advocacy and skill development. Students will apply skills in orientation and mobility, activities of daily living, and use of accessible technologies. Students will prepare meals, practice daily living skills, and socialize with peers as they develop their independence.



CARROLL KIDS (Grades 4-8)

July 7 - July 11

Day program offers programming for targeted learning in orientation and mobility skills, daily living activities, social skills, technology, and recreational activities. This fun and individualized program supports the development of student's self-determination, self-advocacy and provides the opportunity to build meaningful friendships among true peers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have never been to the Center, you are welcome to arrange a tour or attend a zoom information session. We encourage all applicants to apply to our programs early in the calendar year. Programs fill up quickly. Tina Laffer, 617-969-6200, ext 216 or tina.laffer@carroll.org.

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