

## **Employability and Job Readiness Program Report 2023 (EJRP)**

We served 98 youth in our 2022/23 EJRP program, and plan to maintain that level of service going in 23/24

### **WHY OUR EMPHASIS ON EJRP**

Youth that are significantly challenged by mental health issues must attain two key milestones in order to transition into independent young adult lives; a high school diploma and the ability to seek and retain a job.

Our EJRP cultivates communication skills, financial literacy, resilience, work ethic and the capacity to be part of a team.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

Our EJRP incorporates the following elements:

- 1) Teach practical workplace skills - improving literacy, numeracy, financial literacy, computer skills, first aid and workplace safety
- 2) Communication skills - Resume writing, oral communications, and code of professional ethics
- 3) Job hunting and retention - The art of research and networking, interview skills, and seeking mentorship
- 4) Entrepreneurship - For selected students, a full high school credit shall be delivered for experiential learning in the art of starting a business