



TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER FOR WOMEN

This Residential Training Center offers disadvantaged young women aged 16 to 21 an opportunity to acquire educational, vocational and social skills necessary to live as productive, self-supporting members of society. The Center is operated by the University of Oregon under contract to the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, with Philco-Ford Corporation as sub-contractor for vocational training.



Tongue Point is located in Clatsop County, Oregon, 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean on the Columbia River, and three miles east of Astoria, which has a population of approximately 10,000. Portland, Oregon, with a metropolitan area population over 800,000 is 95 miles distant.

Tongue Point was a U. S. Naval Air Station, constructed in 1939, and converted after World War II into a base for the Navy Reserve Fleet. Closed in 1961, it was reopened in December of 1964 by the Office of Economic Opportunity and operated as a Job Corps Training Center for young men from February, 1965, to January, 1967, when it was converted to a Job Corps Center for Women.

New Horizons

The Tongue Point enrollee typically is seeking a happy family life, economic security, responsible citizenship, pleasurable use of leisure time. Many of these young women have become alienated from conventional education methods or do not have the cultural background to benefit from them. Many have experienced unhappy home conditions. Few have enjoyed any measure of vocational success. Some have developed unsatisfactory patterns for use of leisure.

Attainment of Job Corps objectives requires vocational training plus civic and family life education; but these are ineffective without basic literacy and attitudinal competency. Hence the program of the Center must encompass many aspects.

Center Life

The Center's educational task extends throughout the waking hours and is not related only to the classroom. A Resident Hall environment offers opportunity to learn to move confidently toward optimal and effective social living and productivity. Center life stresses the value of rules, structure and organization, and responsibilities to society. The Corpswoman participates democratically in operation and management of her own living area, and in rewarding social and recreational experiences.

A staff of Counselors and Advisors guides implementation of this program for each resident group.

General Education

A General Education program develops basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, elementary science and health education, needed by young women to function adequately as homemakers, consumers, and occupationally productive citizens. Trainees are helped to understand the world of work, the responsibilities of citizenship, and the problems generic to family life.

Vocational Training

Five occupational areas of training are appropriately related to trainee abilities: Health and Social Service Programs, Business and Clerical Occupations, Electronics Assembly and Testing, Drafting, and Food Service Occupations.

A graded program within each area allows for varying entry levels based on an enrollee's prior aptitudes and existing knowledge, and for different exit levels starting with a minimum employable skill and progressing to a more complex skill to satisfy individual abilities and life goals.

Length of training may vary from a few months to two years, depending on complexity of the course and rate of progress of the trainee. When training is completed, job interviews are arranged.

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