

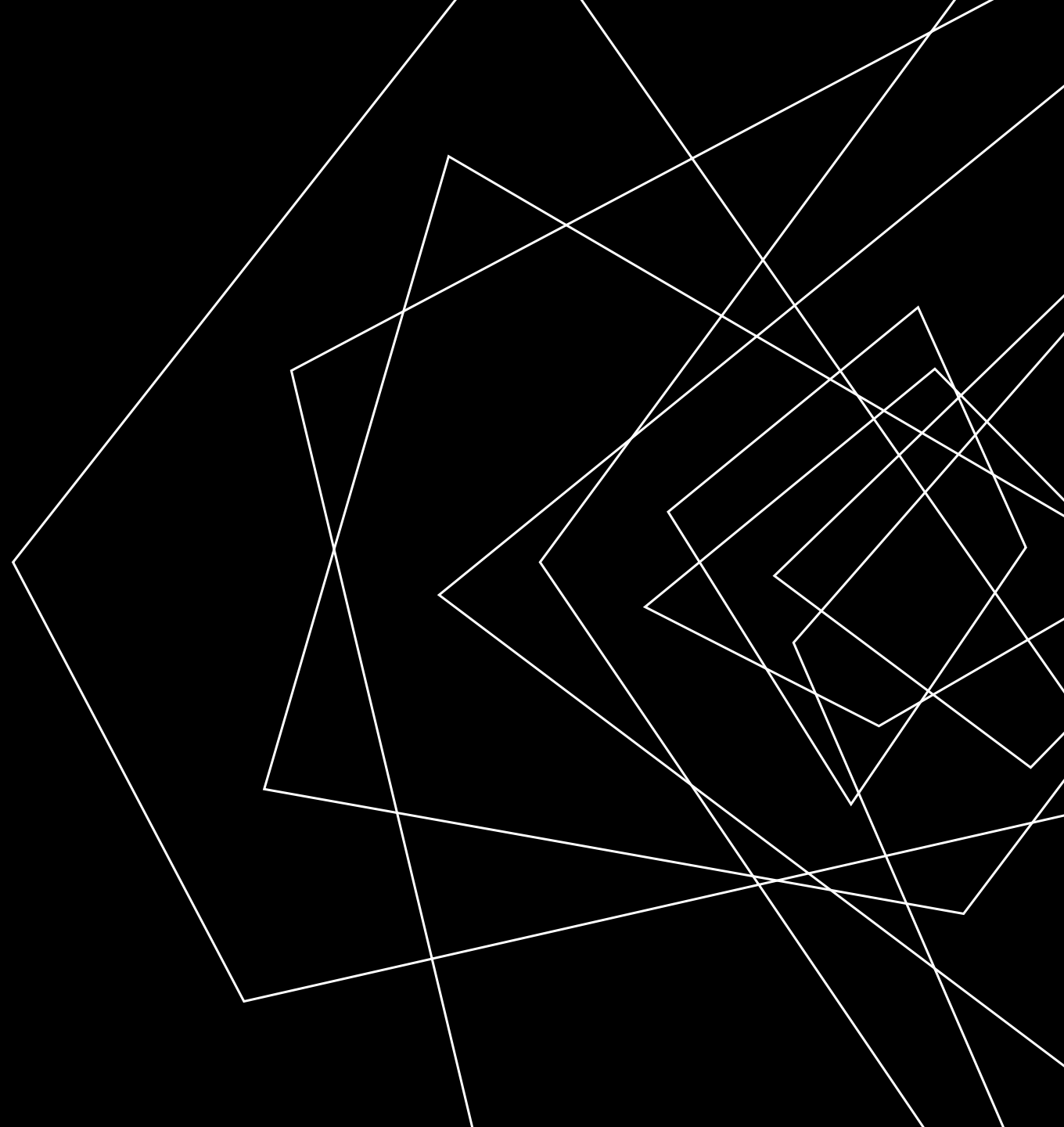


CALGARY
EMPLOYMENT
RESOURCE CENTRE

ABOUT GATEWAY ASSOCIATION

Gateway Association is a family, learning and employment resource centre founded by a group of Edmonton families in 1975.

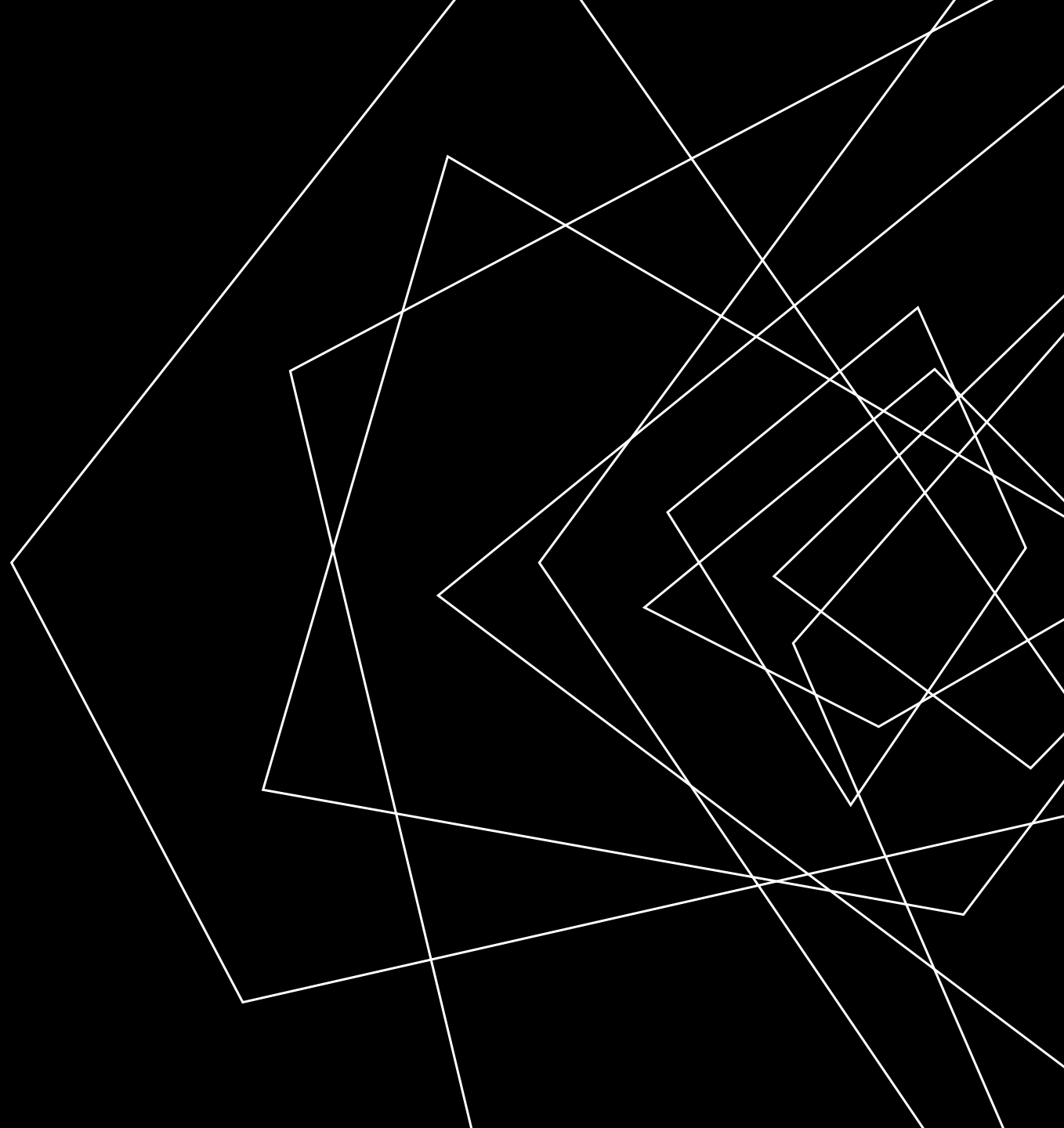
Led by families who wanted a “gateway to a better life” for their children with disabilities, Gateway has been at the forefront of the inclusion movement for decades.



GATEWAY CALGARY

Gateway's Calgary office opened in June of 2020 and now includes employment services, digital literacy programming and an employer resource centre.

Although we have grown considerably, Gateway maintains its commitment to grassroots advocacy and community.





OUR VALUES

LOW-BARRIER SERVICES

Our service is designed to be easy to access, and we have resources in place to help you along your career journey.

PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH

Everyone has different strengths, needs and goals. We get to know each participant and adapt our services for a best fit.

CHOICE

We provide information, resources and support; you make the decisions.

INCLUSION

Our communities thrive when everyone has a seat at the table. We are committed to building a more inclusive city, one workplace at a time.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

We offer:

- One year of employment support
- 1:1 support from our team of experts
- Flexible scheduling
- Workshops and group learning opportunities
- Support with accessing training and education
- Job placement support—real jobs for real pay!
- Support in French, Korean, Spanish and Cantonese
- ASL interpretation available

WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

Through two youth employment projects, GET-Work and Inclusion Works, we offer a full range of customizable services for:

- Youth ages 15 to 34, and
- Who self-identify as having a disability-based barrier to employment, and
- Are legally entitled to work in Canada, and
- Are unemployed or underemployed, and
- Are in their final semester of high school, have already graduated or are no longer involved in a high school program

WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

- As a pan-disability service we support youth with physical, intellectual, medical, sensory and mental health disabilities
- Participants self-disclose having a disability; we do not require “proof”
- Since we provide time-limited support, participants must be able to work independently
- Participants must be motivated and ready to explore and pursue career opportunities

PROGRAM PATH

SELF-
DISCOVERY

Take an inventory of your interests, experience, skills and career goals

CAREER
EXPLORATION

Create a career action plan and resume that suit your individual level of experience and job targets

JOB SEARCH

Get as much or as little support as you need to apply for work, attend job interviews and negotiate your new position

RETENTION

Your career supports will stay in touch to ensure that you have everything you need to be successful on the job

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Participants can access funds for:

- Interview clothes
- Work boots or safety equipment
- Bus passes
- Certifications like First Aid or ProServe
- Tuition for up to one year of training
- Child care
- A driving license
- Tools needed for work

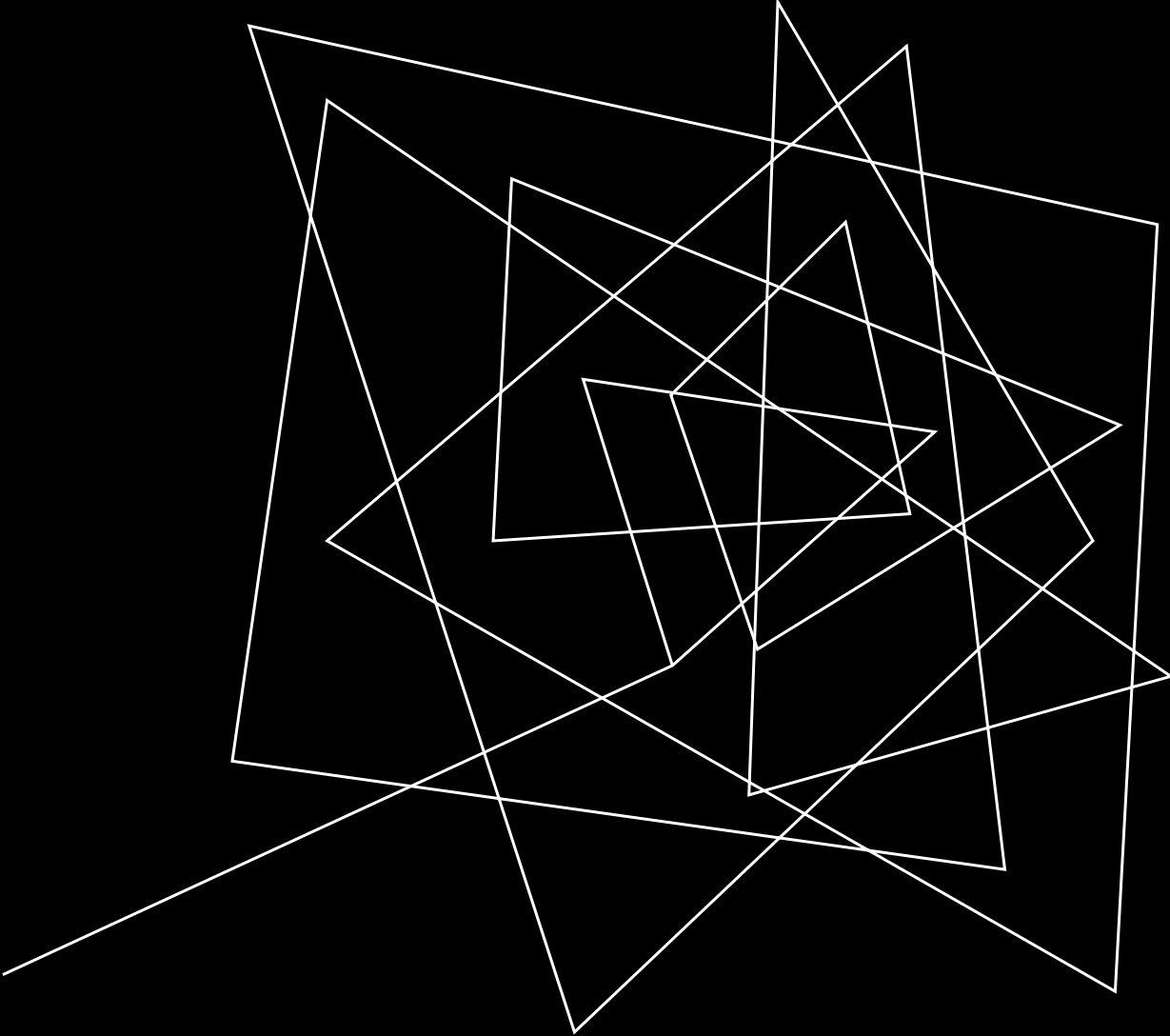


OUR OUTCOMES

WHAT KIND OF RESULTS CAN I EXPECT?

- More than 80% of program participants find work
- Program graduates find work in healthcare, the arts, retail and skilled trades
- Job targets are based on skills, experience and credentials—we don't put limits on participants
- Participants are supported to enroll in post-secondary, attend training or start an apprenticeship

**Tuition and training funds are available



QUESTIONS?



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