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Gainesville Job Corps Center





Chronology

- Site established in 1978
- 1 of 131 Job Corps Centers
- 1 of four in Florida
- 394 students on campus





- **September 2017** – Hurricane Irma causes flooding on the grounds of the Job Corps Center, forcing closure and the relocation of students
- **March 2018** – Mayor Poe meets with officials at the US Department of Labor and is assured that Job Corps will return to Gainesville and asked if the City would be interested in developing a pilot program
- **January 2019** – US Department of Labor publishes a proposed notice to deactivate the Job Corps Center
- **March 2019** – Commissioner Ward meets with US Department of Labor officials
- **May 2019** – House Appropriations Committee legislative provision:

The Department has announced plans to reduce Job Corps training opportunities in Florida by nearly half relative to the State's capacity five years ago, despite Florida having the fourth largest population of disconnected youth and annually sending hundreds of youth out-of-state to receive Job Corps training. The Committee directs the Department to submit to the Committees on Appropriations, within 90 days of enactment of this Act, the most recent geographic assignment plan required by Sec. 145(c) of the WIOA, including the analyses required by Sec. 145(c)(2)(A) and (B), as well as a detailed plan for increasing Job Corps' Florida slot capacity to align with demand in the State.





- **June 2019** – Commissioner Ward and the City host a working group meeting to explore options
- **June 2019** – Mayor Poe letter to the US Department of Labor
- **September 2019** – Senator Rubio legislative provision:

The Committee is aware of the Department’s proposed deactivation of the Gainesville Job Corps Center, which has been inactive since September 2017, due to damage it sustained during Hurricane Irma. The Committee is concerned that the proposed closure will significantly reduce training opportunities to disadvantaged youth in Florida and encourages the Department to ensure the Job Corps centers in Florida retain robust capacity.

- **September 2019** – The Acting City Manager receives a call from the US Department of Labor to say that Job Corps will not return to Gainesville





Options

- Insist that Job Corps return to Gainesville as a residential program at the current site
- Insist that Job Corps return to Gainesville as a residential program at an alternative location
 - Cleanup and surplus the existing site to the City for future development
- Insist that Job Corps return to Gainesville as a non-residential program at an alternate location
- Develop a pilot program with the US Department of Labor to deliver job training services to meet regional needs
- Take no further action

