



Worcester, MA
ESOL & HiSET Preparation Courses/Classes
As of March 2019

For an electronic directory and map of Worcester’s ESOL classes, please see <https://worcesterwelcomes.wordpress.com/> maintained by Katelyn Duncan of the Worcester Public Library.

For assistance in finding a class that is a good fit for you, contact or visit the ESOL Navigator: esolnavigator@gmail.com / 508-556-7097 (call or text).
 Tuesdays at CENTRO, 11 Sycamore Street, 9:00-11:30 AM and Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, 1-4 PM
 Fridays at RIAC, 340 Main Street, Suite 804, 12-4 PM

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ACE: African Community Education Office: 484 Main Street #355 Worcester, MA 01608 508-459-2284	ESOL class Saturdays 9:00 AM-2:30 PM Youth programming, parent-child family literacy, citizenship class Takes place at Claremont Academy, 15 Claremont Street, Worcester, MA 01610	SPLs 0-4 (literacy-high beginning)	Free Priority is given to parents whose children attend ACE programming
Angel’s Net 114 Main Street, Lower level Worcester, MA 01608 Mailing address: 360 West Boylston Street, Suite 213, West Boylston, MA 01583 774-261-4232 info@angelsnetfoundation.org	Conversational ESL class (all levels) Thursday evenings 4:00-6:00pm	All levels	Free
Ascentria Care Alliance 11 Shattuck Street Worcester, MA 01605 For Information Contact Teresita Encarnación 774-243-3016 (office) 774-314-5137 (mobile)	ESOL classes (Literacy to Advanced Levels) Call for days and times Classes offered M-F 9:00-3:00pm Ascentria’s Adult & Community Learning Center Program integrates employability skills, college & career readiness skills, intro 1 beginning literacy classes, and 3 levels of ESOL classes. We offer Computer Literacy, Drivers Preparation, and a Hospitality Industry Program.	SPLs 0-7 (literacy-advanced)	Free Classes are available Sept. – June. Enrolling Every Tuesday (except holidays) from by appointments only. Rolling registration

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<p>Catholic Charities 10 Hammond Street, Worcester, MA 01610 (ESOL Classes, Citizenship Classes, Citizenship program and immigration legal services)</p> <p>Contact: Kaska Yawo kyawo@ccworc.org 508-860-2234</p>	<p><u>ESOL Classes</u> Held from September – June Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am-11:30am</p> <p><u>Citizenship Program</u> Application and immigration legal services</p> <p>Citizenship classes Held on Thursdays 6-8 PM, Fridays 9-11 AM Worcester</p> <p>Thursday at Milford Public Library 6-8 PM</p>	<p>SPLs 2-4 (beginner-low intermediate)</p>	<p>Walk in or call for an appointment</p> <p>Follows Worcester Public Schools schedule. Enter any time. Works with people on their level.</p> <p>Registration is ongoing.</p>
<p>Clark University—ALCI Community ESL Program 950 Main Street Worcester, MA 01610</p> <p>Jean McNeill, 508-793-7794 jmcneill@clarku.edu</p> <p>Sarah Lopolito, 508-793-7309 salopolito@clarku.edu</p>	<p>English for Academic Success Program: fulltime intensive program that meets for 18 hours a week for 15 weeks Classes consist of reading and writing and speaking and listening</p> <p>English for the Community Workshops: part-time workshops that meet Thursday nights and Saturday mornings for 3 hours each day for 5 weeks. Focus on integrated skills and helping students meet their English goals.</p>	<p>SPLs 2-10 (beginner-advanced)</p>	<p>English for Academic Success \$10,000 for fall and spring \$4,400 for summer</p> <p>English for the Community \$150 for one workshop, \$300 for two workshops</p>
<p>GEM\$ (Global Empowerment Services Inc.) 30 Sever Street, 2nd floor Worcester, MA 01609 Alan Kick, 978-479-3678 (call or text) akick@verizon.net</p>	<p>ESOL classes, especially for Arabic speaking refugees</p> <p>Mondays and Fridays 10 AM-12 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 4-6 PM</p>	<p>SPLs 4-5 (low intermediate)</p>	<p>Contact Alan to register.</p>
<p>Grafton Job Corps Center 100 Pine St. North Grafton, MA 01536 508-887-7300</p> <p>Outreach & Admissions Office: 32 Southbridge Street Worcester, MA 01608 508-890-1999</p>	<p>HiSET and wide array of vocational training for disadvantaged youth, ages 16-24. Drivers education offered as well.</p> <p>Program is Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4pm and is mostly residential with a smaller commuter component for young parents.</p>		<p>Registration: Job Corps is an open enrollment, year-round, education/voc training program and registration is on-going throughout the year. Job Corps is free for eligible applicants.</p>

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<p>Latino Education Institute – Club E At Worcester State University Office is located at 537 Chandler St. Worcester</p> <p>Contact: Steve Favulli, Program Coordinator Josephine Falero, Administrative Assistant 508-798-6507 x 4</p>	<p>ESL Adult Learner Program</p> <p>Classes, in the fall and spring, meet two times a week for a total of 4.5 hours a week and 58.5 hours for a semester.</p> <p>There are six different levels of English: (Basic, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-Pathways). In addition, we provide workshops and guidance to transitioning to college/career pathways</p> <p>Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm</p> <p>Sullivan Building 486 Chandler Street Worcester, MA, 01602</p> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age, no immigration status needed</p>	<p>SPLs 0-10 (literacy-advanced)</p>	<p>\$30.00 Registration Fee</p> <p>Registration on-going</p> <p>ESL Classes are: Fall: August – December Spring: March-June</p> <p>Childcare for children ages 4 to 13</p> <p>Enrollment dependent upon waiting list and program numbers</p>
<p>Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester Main Office: Worcester Public Library 3 Salem Street Suite 332 Worcester, MA 01608 info@lvgw.org</p> <p>Satellite Literacy Academy Classroom: 90 Madison Street Suite 303A Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>(508) 754-8056 x1 Main office, x2 Satellite</p> <p>Website: http://www.lvgw.org/</p> <p>General Office Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm</p>	<p>- One-to-One ESL Tutoring Program year-round to students over the age of 18 years. Offered at no fee.</p> <p>- Group ESL Courses with 9 weeks of classes 3 semesters in Fall/Winter/Summer. For students over the age of 18 years. Donations requested</p> <p>Sept - November Jan - April June-August</p> <p>Levels: Survival, Beginner, Beginner II, Intermediate, Advanced</p> <p>- Rosetta Stone language lab drop-in for current students</p>	<p>SPLs 0-10 (literacy-advanced)</p>	<p>To register for classes or tutoring, please visit our main office. M-F: 9am-2pm. Extended hours on Wednesday night and Saturday during ESL Course registration weeks. Call ahead.</p> <p>The registration period for group courses runs 2 weeks and starts 3-4 weeks before the start of the semester. Courses are free; donations requested. Visit the website for details</p> <p>Registration and assessment for tutoring processed from July through March. Tutoring is free. Visit main office only to make an appointment for an initial assessment. There is an average wait time of 6 months for a tutor.</p>

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<p>Notre Dame Educational Bridge Center 555-559 Plantation Street Worcester, MA 508-852-5800 Susan Strandberg 508-852-1589 ext. 2504</p>	<p>ESOL: Thursdays 4-6:30 PM GED/HiSET classes: Wednesdays 4-7 PM Career coaching, citizenship program, and computer lab by appointment</p>	<p>SPLs 2-10 (beginning-advanced)</p>	<p>Call to register 3 sessions: spring, summer, and fall</p>
<p>Quinsigamond Community College ESL for Credit Admissions: 508-854-4262 (if financial aid is needed) Advising: 508-854-4308 Registrar: 508-854-4257</p>	<p>ESL levels 1-3 and advanced Free tutoring 6 days a week Runs on college semester schedule (fall, spring, summer)</p>	<p>SPLs 6-10 (high intermediate-advanced)</p>	<p>Call Admissions to register if financial aid is needed: 508-854-4262 If paying out of pocket, contact Advising: 508-854-4308 or Registrar: 508-854-4257 \$950/class (financial aid is available) Must have high school diploma or HiSET/GED if applying for financial aid. Placement test is required (free).</p>
<p>Quinsigamond Community College Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education 25 Federal Street Kathleen A. O'Connor 508-751-7936, Office: 331D kaoconnor@qcc.mass.edu Jacqueline Kaczowka 508-751-7900, Office: 334D jkaczowka@qcc.mass.edu</p>	<p>Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced ESOL</p>	<p>SPLs 2-10 (beginning-advanced)</p>	<p>\$379/semester Cost covered for SNAP recipients on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>
<p>Quinsigamond Community College Community Bridges Program ESL: QCC Downtown Facility 25 Federal Street Worcester, MA Déborah L. González, Ph.D. 508-579-4464 dgonzalez@qcc.mass.edu</p>	<p>ESL morning classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 8:30am-12pm, Room 317D. For more information contact Darla Lamanna at 520-424-4112 / dlamanna@qcc.mass.edu</p> <p>ESL evening classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 6pm-9pm, Room 255D. For more information contact Susan Meola at 508-873-7517 / smeola@qcc.mass.edu</p> <p>All ESL classes run for three 12-week sessions in spring, summer, and fall</p>	<p>SPLs 0-2 (literacy-low beginning)</p>	<p>Testing required at registration</p> <p>Students are responsible for books (approximately \$40 per session)</p> <p>Priority to Main South residents; open to others on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>

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<p>Quinsigamond Community College Clases de HiSET en español HiSET classes in Spanish 25 Federal Street, Salón 326D</p> <p>Profesora Blanca Figueredo 508-713-8785 Blancaivegui@gmail.com</p>	<p>HiSET classes in Spanish Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Class lasts for 16 weeks, starting September 18, 2018 Two groups: 3-6 PM/6-9 PM</p>		<p>To register, go to 25 Federal Street, Room 326D</p> <p>FREE</p> <p>Pay for book and test</p>
<p>Quinsigamond Community College - Adult Community Learning Center 25 Federal Street Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>For Information: 508-751-7926 ACLCLC@qcc.mass.edu</p> <p>Kim White kwhite@qcc.mass.edu 508-751-7910</p>	<p><u>HiSET/GED Prep</u> T,W,TH mornings 9:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>T,W,TH evenings 6-8:30pm</p> <p><u>ESOL Classes</u> T,W,TH mornings: Levels 2 , 3 , 4 9:30am-12:30pm T,W,TH afternoons: Levels 1, 2, 3 1:30-4pm T,W,TH evenings: Levels 1, 2, 3 6-8:30pm</p> <p><u>Adult Career Pathways for English Learners:</u> CNA class: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm October 1, 2018-January 31, 2019</p> <p><u>HiSET/GED Distance Learning Blended Program</u></p>	<p>SPLs 1-8 (beginning-advanced)</p>	<p>Classes are funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. No out of pocket cost for students.</p> <p>Registration required.</p> <p>Call 508-751-7926 Email: ACLCLC@qcc.mass.edu</p> <p>For more information about our programs.</p>
<p>Marie Anne Center at St. Bernard's Church Rectory 228 Lincoln Street Worcester 01605 508-736-6986 Mailing address: 236 Lincoln Street For additional information call Monde: 508-425-9254</p>	<p>ESOL classes Monday & Wednesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm</p> <p>Levels 1, 2, 3</p>	<p>SPLs 1-4 (beginning)</p>	<p>On-going registration</p> <p>\$20 registration fee. \$30 fee for the book.</p> <p>Two sessions/year beginning in September 24, 2018 and in January</p>

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<p>St. Peter's Church 929 Main St. Worcester, 01610 Grand Street entrance</p> <p>If people have any questions, they may call 508-793-1954</p>	<p>ESL- 2 Sessions Fall, Sept. 25 – Dec. 13 Winter, Jan. – April</p> <p>Basic, intermediate 1, and intermediate 2 levels</p> <p>Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM-12 PM.</p>	<p>SPLs 2-4 (low beginning-high beginning)</p>	<p>\$25 fee for enrollment and books</p>
<p>Southeast Asian Coalition 484 Main St, Suite 400 Worcester, MA 01608 508-791-4373</p>	<p>ESOL classes (2 beginner levels) held Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-11am, family literacy, citizenship and academic/GED tutoring.</p>	<p>SPLs 0-4 (literacy-high beginning)</p>	<p>Free and ongoing registration. Please call for schedules and registration.</p>
<p>WRAP (Worcester Refugee Assistance Project) 340 Main Street, Suite 205 Worcester, MA 01608 info@worcesterrefugees.org</p>	<p>ESOL classes for refugees from Burma Monday and Thursday from 6pm-7:30pm.</p>	<p>All levels</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope (formerly Refugee Apostolate)</p> <p>242 Canterbury Street Worcester, MA 01603</p> <p>508-831-7455 mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com</p>	<p>ESOL one-on-one mentoring for people with special or specific needs Available Tuesday and Thursday mornings (dependent on volunteer availability) Citizenship assistance and computer literacy guidance available as well by appointment</p>	<p>All levels</p>	<p>Small fee – call for more information</p>

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<p>Training Resources of America 2 Foster Street, 3rd floor Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>508-753-2993 for ABE, HiSET, and ESOL</p> <p>508-753-2991 for additional programs</p>	<p>Adult Basic Education / HiSET Prep / ESOL Classes</p> <p>For youth and adults ages 16 and over</p> <p>Includes assistance transitioning to skills training, college and employment opportunities</p> <p>Additional Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Parent Program for pregnant or parenting youth ages 14-24 who want to get their HiSET (in English and Spanish) • Worcester Youthbuild which incorporates HiSET prep • Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide Training program for students 16-24, includes HiSET preparation • SNAP Path to Work Program: includes HiSET preparation for SNAP clients 	<p>SPLs 0-5 (literacy-low intermediate)</p>	<p>FREE</p> <p>ESOL classes Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30-7:45 PM</p> <p>HiSET classes (3 levels) Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-7:45 PM, for English speakers and readers</p>
<p>WARM (Worcester Alliance for Refugee Ministry) 474 Grove Street, Suite 710 Worcester, MA 01605</p>	<p>Individual or Small Group English Conversation & Tutoring for refugees</p>		<p>Free</p> <p>Contact WARM via email warmwelcominginfo@gmail.com</p>

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<p>Webster Adult Education</p> <p>Leslie Baker <u>lbaker@webster-schools.org</u> 508-949-8282</p> <p>Debra Feraco <u>dferaco@webster-schools.org</u> 508-949-8282</p>	<p><i>ESOL classes</i> Bartlett High School 52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p> <p>25 Coale Ave (old Southbridge High School), Southbridge, MA ESOL Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p> <p><i>HiSET classes</i> North Village 18 Village Way, Webster MA Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM-12:00 PM</p> <p>Bartlett High School 52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p> <p>25 Coale Ave (old Southbridge High School), Southbridge, MA HiSET Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p>		<p>Call 508-949-8282 to register and for enrollment information.</p>
<p>Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. 484 Main Street, Suite 203 Worcester, MA 01608 508-754-1176</p> <p>Contact: Michelle Ramirez x 146 Linda Taylor x 158 Melissa Hidalgo x 181</p> <p>Visit WCAC.net for more information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career planning for high school graduates • HiSET test preparation for young adults, ages 16 – 25 • Computer training, job placement assistance • Career pathway exploration & access to short term certificate programs • Open enrollment • WCAC pays test fee • No cost for classes 		<p>Ongoing registration 9 am – 3 pm</p>

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<p>Worcester Housing Authority in partnership with QCC and WPS</p> <p>180 Constitution Avenue & 35 Freedom Way Worcester, MA 01605</p> <p>Call for more info: Resident Services 508-635-3306</p>	<p>Offers HiSET & ESL Level 1 & 2 classes to WHA residents</p> <p>ESL: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30 AM-12:45 PM</p> <p>HiSET: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30 AM – 12:45 PM</p> <p>Child supervision available</p>	<p>SPLs 0-7 (literacy-high intermediate)</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>September thru mid-June (public school schedule)</p> <p>Ongoing registration: call 508-635-3306</p> <p>Year-round enrollment</p> <p>Pretesting needed for HiSET</p> <p>For WHA residents only</p>
<p>Worcester Public Library</p> <p>3 Salem Square Worcester, MA 01608 Katelyn Duncan 508-799-1655 x3 kduncan@mywpl.org</p>	<p>English Conversation Circles</p> <p>Tuesday nights 5:30-7:00 PM</p> <p>Language Exchange Café</p> <p>Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM</p>	<p>SPLs 2-6 (low beginning-high intermediate)</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Worcester Public Schools Adult Learning Center</p> <p>24 Chatham Street (Fanning Building) Worcester, MA 01609 (508) 799- 3090</p> <p><u>Classes held at these locations:</u> Fanning Building (24 Chatham Street) Greendale Head Start (130 Leeds Street) Other locations and times vary. Call for more information.</p>	<p>HiSET & ESOL classes</p> <p>Daytime: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00AM-12:00PM</p> <p>Evenings: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm</p> <p>Available HiSET classes: HiSET Math HiSET Prep HiSET Prep for Healthcare Field</p>	<p>SPLs 0-7 (literacy-high intermediate)</p>	<p>Attend a placement testing at 24 Chatham Street to register.</p> <p>Ongoing registration</p> <p>Call for more information</p> <p>No cost</p>

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<p>Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St Worcester 01604 Contact Yung Phan 508-799-1232 extension 48006 PhanD@worcesterma.gov</p>	<p>ESL Classes and tutoring for seniors (slow pace, loose structure, no pressure) Wednesday 10:30am - 12:00pm Conversational English Club Thursday 9:30am - 10:30am ESL Beginner for Vietnamese speaking seniors Friday 10:00am - 11:30am ESL mixed level for Chinese speaking seniors Friday 9:30-10:00am ESL mixed level for Spanish speaking seniors</p>	<p>SPLs 2-4 (low beginning-low intermediate)</p>	<p>Free, ongoing. Please call before coming.*</p> <p>We welcome students of any age but please be aware that the expectations and styles might be different from the traditional ESL classes as these are designed to suit the needs of seniors.</p> <p>Some transportation subsidies available for seniors who live in Worcester.</p> <p>*Class schedule is subject to change due to availability of volunteer teachers.</p>
<p>Worcester State University Urban Action Institute 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602</p> <p>Contact: Joanne Jaber Gauvin 508-929-8900 jjabergauvin@worcester.edu</p>	<p>Free conversational English tutoring with Worcester State students and a lead teacher</p> <p>Tuesdays 10-11 AM during academic year</p>	<p>SPLs 2-5 (low beginning-low intermediate)</p>	<p>No Cost Contact Joanne to register (limited space available)</p>
<p>Worcester Youth Center 326 Chandler Street Worcester, MA 01602 508-791-4702</p> <p>info@worcesteryouthcenter.org</p>	<p>GED/HiSET classes: Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 1 pm and by appointment.</p> <p>For Ages 16 – 24</p> <p>Self-paced HiSET study program. Financial assistance for testing fees. Cash incentives for successful completion of certification.</p>		<p>Call to register</p> <p>Operates all year-round</p>

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<p>Worcester State University</p> <p>Intensive English Language Institute 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602</p> <p>Leah Guzman 508-929-8736</p> <p>Sandra Medina-Vazquez 508-929-8031</p>	<p>Intensive Program</p> <p>Spring and Fall:</p> <p>Mon, Wed, Fri 8:15am-12:15pm Tue & Thu 1pm- 5pm</p> <p>Summer 8:15am-12:15pm Monday-Friday, 10 weeks</p> <p>Community Program*</p> <p>Integrated skills ESL classes (for levels 1-4) 6:30pm-8:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>Conversation through Reading / Movies (varies per semester, for levels 4 and up) 6:30pm-8:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>Grammar through Writing 6:30pm-8:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>English through U.S. culture 6:30pm-8:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays</p> <p>*Community Program classes vary per semester</p>	<p>SPLs 0-10 (literacy-advanced)</p>	<p>Each class of intensive program is \$750 (fall and spring semesters)</p> <p>Total intensive program is \$3450 (fall and spring semesters)</p> <p>Summer semester is \$2675 (\$600 each class)</p> <p>Community program is \$325 per class (fall, spring, and summer semesters)</p> <p>Discounts, bonuses, and payment plan and available.</p>

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<p>Y.O.U. Inc. Career Pathways 81 Plantation Street 2nd floor Worcester, MA 01604 508-552-7303</p> <p>Other Locations:</p> <p>Whitinsville 68-72 Church Street Whitinsville, Ma 01588 (508) 266-2125</p> <p>W. Brookfield 6 Central St. West Brookfield, Ma 01585 (508) 867-5800</p> <p>Milford 3 Exchange St. Milford, Ma 01757 (508) 473-2178</p>	<p>All locations: HiSET & Career Pathways Program</p> <p>Monday – Friday 9:00a- 12:00pm</p> <p>For 16-24 year olds who qualify</p>	<p>*call for requirements and to set up a placement test</p> <p>On-going registration</p> <p>No fee</p>
<p>YWCA Central Massachusetts 1 Salem Square Worcester 01608</p> <p>Contact Jessica Diaz (508) 767-2505, x3073 jdiaz@ywcacentralmass.org</p>	<p>Young Parents Program - Offers pregnant and parenting out-of-school youth, aged 14-24, who have not achieved a high school diploma with HiSET preparation.</p> <p>Also included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills training and resume/ career skills building. • On-site Childcare (vouchers accepted) • Case Management Services and Referrals • Fitness Membership • College Readiness/Local College Tours 	<p>DTA Referral Necessary</p> <p>No Cost</p> <p>Registration is on-going</p> <p>Please call for assistance requesting a DTA referral or to schedule an interview and intake.</p>