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### Next Generation Zone Honored with Chase Youth Award

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The Next Generation Zone, a newly created youth employment center housed at WorkSource Spokane and operated in partnership with the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, was named recipient of a Chase youth award recently in recognition of its asset building efforts for Spokane County youth.

The Next Generation Zone, a partnership between the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, Career Path Services, Educational Service District 101, and Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest, offers education, employment and skills training for 16-21 year olds through career guidance, employment training, assistance with basic skills upgrade, resume preparation and other resources to help young adults successfully transition from school to work.

“This is our chance, as a community, to let people know just how much we value them for their character and contributions to Spokane County youth,” says Joanne Benham, Director of the Spokane Regional Youth Department.

The Chase Youth Awards is a program of the Chase Youth Commission, which is dedicated to empowering communities to value youth and youth to value communities. The Commission is named after former Spokane Mayor James E. Chase, who helped establish the Commission in 1985 and was a champion of youth in Spokane.