

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WIOA Youth Program

Program Description: Under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, formula funds are provided to states and outlying areas, states in turn provide local workforce areas resources to deliver a comprehensive array of youth services that focus on assisting out-of-school youth and in-school youth with one or more barriers to employment prepare for post-secondary education and employment opportunities, attain educational and/or skills training credentials, and secure employment with career/promotional opportunities.

Services: tutoring; alternative secondary school services; paid and unpaid work experiences, which include: summer and year round employment opportunities, pre-apprenticeship programs, internships and job shadowing, and on-the-job training; occupational skill training; education offered concurrently with workforce preparation and training; leadership development opportunities; supportive services; mentoring; follow-up services; comprehensive guidance and counseling; financial literacy education; entrepreneurial skills training; services that provide labor market and employment information; and postsecondary education and training preparation activities.

Eligibility/Target Population: Out-of-school youth (OSY) who is: not attending school, age 16-24, and has one or more barriers to employment and in-school youth (ISY) who is: attending school, age 14-21, is low income and has one or more barriers to employment.

Priorities

Out-of-School Youth – A minimum of 75 percent of the Youth funds allocated to States and local areas, except for the local area expenditures for administration, must be used to provide services to OSY.

Work Experience – Not less than 20 percent of Youth funds allocated to the local area, except for the local area expenditures for administration, must be used to provide paid and unpaid work experiences.

Focus on Partnering – Co-enrollment encouraged where appropriate with Titles II and IV.

Allotments: based on formula provisions including three factors: (1) the number of unemployed in areas of substantial unemployment; (2) the number of excess unemployed individuals; and (3) the number of economically disadvantaged youth.

WIOA Youth Appropriation by Program Year

PY 2018	\$903,416,000
PY 2017	\$873,416,000
PY 2016	\$870,931,000

WIOA Youth Results for PY '15 (note: WIA indicators used for PY '15, WIOA indicators implemented in '16)

- 156,520 youth participants served
- 69.2% placement in employment/education rate compared to goal of 66.9%
- 66.7% degree/certificate attainment rate compared to goal of 62.2%
- 50.1% literacy/numeracy gains rate compared to goal of 46.0%

WIOA Performance Indicators (note: no data available on new WIOA indicators)

- Employment, education, or training during the 2nd quarter after exit
- Employment, education, or training during the 4th quarter after exit
- Median earnings during the 2nd quarter after exit
- Credential Attainment Rate
- Measurable Skill Gains
- Effectiveness in serving employers (system-wide measure, not program specific)

