

Youth Resource Connections

NEWSLETTER

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is a monthly newsletter that provides information, resources, and tools to workforce professionals who work every day to impact the lives of youth and young adults.

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Headlines

ETA Issues TEGL 9-21 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2022; PY 2022 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program; and PY 2022 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 9-21. The TEGL provides information to states and outlying areas on WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities program allotments for PY 2022; final PY 2022 allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act ES Program, as required by section 6(b)(5) of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended; and the allotments of Workforce Information Grants to states for PY 2022. To obtain additional information, visit: https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=8776.

Looking for more information and resources to support your youth program?



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DOL Announces \$3.4m Funding Opportunity to Attract, Retain Women in Registered Apprenticeships, Nontraditional Occupations. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced a funding opportunity of \$3.4 million for up to nine grants to attract and keep women in [Registered Apprenticeship Programs](#) and industries where they are underrepresented such as manufacturing, infrastructure, cybersecurity and healthcare. Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#) and [Women's Bureau](#), the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations grant program supports community-based organizations in their efforts to recruit, train and retain more women in Registered Apprenticeships and nontraditional occupations. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/wb/wb20220511>.

As The Northwest's Summer Season Approaches, Recent Federal Investigations Should Remind Employers to Make Youth Employment Beneficial for All. As the summer hiring season looms, employers are offering more opportunities for youth-aged workers to earn money and gain work experience than in recent years. In preparation for their early ventures into the working world, young workers should familiarize themselves – and employers should review practices and ensure compliance – with federal labor laws designed to ensure that the experience is rewarding and safe. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20220517-2>.

HUD Announces Over \$1.4 Million in Housing Assistance for Foster Youth During National Foster Care Month. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced over \$1.4 million in housing assistance through the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative for youth transitioning out of foster care who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. May marked National Foster Care Month, a time to renew the commitment to ensuring all young people who are or have been in foster care have the support and resources they need to thrive. To view the press release, visit: https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_22_092.

HHS Invites Applications for its Refugee Career Pathways Program. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is accepting applications for its Refugee Career Pathways (RCP) program. Through the RCP program, ORR will provide funding to enable eligible Afghan entrants to obtain self-sufficiency by obtaining the means to secure professional or skilled employment drawing upon previously acquired knowledge, skills, and experience. Under the RCP program, the primary focus is to assist refugees and other eligible populations in learning about career pathways and developing individualized plans to gain employment and advance within their chosen career field. Allowable activities will include case management, training and technical assistance, specialized English language training, and mentoring. In addition, eligible participants may receive financial assistance for costs related to the establishment or reestablishment of credentials, such as obtaining educational credits or enrollment in required certification programs. Grant number: [HHS-2022-ACF-ORR-ZM-0156](#).
Deadline: July 1.

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HHS Announces \$2 Million Funding Opportunity to Establish National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness. Building on President Biden's Unity Agenda priority to tackle our nation's mental health crisis, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is announcing \$2 million in funding to establish a national center of excellence (CoE) on social media and mental wellness. The purpose of the CoE will be to develop and disseminate information, guidance, and training on the impact—including benefits and risks—that social media use has on children and youth, especially the risks to their mental health. This CoE will also examine clinical and social interventions that can be used to mitigate the risks. Social media use can be associated with negative mental health outcomes, and children and youth are particularly vulnerable. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/05/18/hhs-announces-2-million-funding-opportunity-establish-national-center-of-excellence-on-social-media-mental-wellness.html>.

The National Network for Youth Announces National Hotline for Youth. The National Network for Youth in partnership with global law firm Baker McKenzie has released a new hotline “**I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth.**” This national hotline is designed to assist youth struggling with homelessness who may need legal advice to understand their options in obtaining vital documents. This free hotline will provide resources and assistance to youth with obtaining vital documents and a valid government ID. To obtain additional information, visit: <https://nn4youth.org/vital-document-legal-hotline-for-youth/>.

Children's Funding Project Announces New Online Database. The [Children's Funding Project](#) has developed a new online database which highlights American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for children and youth across states, tribal areas, counties, cities, towns, school districts, and nonprofit institutions. The database offers a comprehensive picture of ARP funding, including allocation data and a growing list of examples of ways localities are using their funds creatively to benefit children and youth. To view the database, visit: <https://www.childrensfundingproject.org/american-rescue-plan-database>.

California Workforce Innovation Fund Will Invest in Pathways to Green Jobs in Underserved Communities. [Jobs for the Future](#), a national nonprofit driving transformation in the American workforce and education systems, in partnership with Governor Gavin Newsom and the [California Workforce Development Board](#), announced the creation of the High Road Training Fund, a new public-private partnership that will provide funding to help workers from communities that are underserved by public and private institutions train jobs in high-growth, climate-resilient industries. To obtain additional information, visit: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/california-workforce-innovation-fund-will-invest-in-pathways-to-green-jobs-in-underserved-communities-301541894.html>.

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California's Cradle-to-Career Data System Achieves Early Milestones, Announces Multi-Agency Data Sharing Agreement. The Office of Cradle-to-Career Data has signed landmark legal agreements with 15 education, social service, and workforce entities that allow for the creation of data sets on student progress from pre-K through college and employment, one of several important early milestones that were announced at the May 11 Governing Board meeting. These milestones make progress toward creating a transformative statewide data system that will link together existing data on education, workforce, financial aid, and social services to create tools for use by students, families, policy makers, researchers, and the public. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/05/12/californias-cradle-to-career-data-system-achieves-early-milestones-announces-multi-agency-data-sharing-agreement/>.

Featured Resources

COASTAL COUNTIES LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Zach had just moved to Maine from Texas and was very unsure of his future. He joined the Youth Virtual Work Readiness Cohort in August to familiarize himself with the Maine job market and to refine his career readiness skills. Zach was enrolled in the COVID NDWG and Youth programs, which allowed for support with accessing state benefits and humanitarian services while unemployed. After completion of the Cohort and support from his Career Advisor, **Zach** began a welding training at Midcoast School of Technology and found a real passion for that field. Since he had signed up for benefits which helped him pay his bills while in training, he was able to dedicate time to getting acclimated with the state, focus on improving his mental health, and put full effort into his classes. In November, **Zach** obtained full employment in the service department of a car dealership, enabling more experience with welding. The job also offers free training if he decides he needs to further his technical skills and there are many areas within the company for growth. With a steady income and opportunities for growth, **Zach** is getting to a place financially where he will no longer need state assistance and will be able to be financially independent and stable.

Interested in sharing a new practice or innovative approach that you're trying in your area?

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is interested in sharing strategies from across the country to promote peer learning and replication. If you would like to be considered for featuring in an upcoming newsletter, please email your organization, program name and brief description of the practice or approach to the ETA Division of Youth Services at:

youth.services@dol.gov.

Funding & Other Opportunities

#BecauseWeWill Invites Youth to Share their Stories. #BecauseWeWill campaign invites youth 18 years of age or older to participate in its campaign contest. #BecauseWeWill is an interactive social media campaign designed to give learners an opportunity to share personal stories and build a sense of community, support, and belonging with other learners across the country. The campaign raises public awareness about student struggles and amplifies the voices of learners across the United States. It aims to create a virtual community for learners to find mutual support and encouragement as they persevere on their own journeys. The contest is open to any high school senior, college/university/trade school student, or active learner. [read more...](#)
Deadline: June 10.

iCivics Invites Applications for its Equity in Civics Youth Fellowship 2022-2023. iCivics is accepting applications from students who want to grow their leadership capacity while serving as youth ambassadors for equity in civic education. High schoolers who have an interest in politics, civics, history, or government to apply are encouraged to apply. [read more...](#)
Deadline: June 13.

The Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service Invites Applications for its Voyage Scholarship. The Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service is accepting applications for its Voyage Scholarship. This scholarship gives college students financial aid to alleviate the burden of college debt, meaningful travel experiences to expand their horizons, and a network of mentors and leaders to support them. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 14.**

DOL Announces \$8M Funding Availability to Advance Equitable, Inclusive Workforce Service Delivery for People with Disabilities. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$8 million in funding over four years to manage the Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Development Center. Administered by the department's Office of Disability Employment Policy, the LEAD Center is currently operated by a third-party contractor and will soon be funded by the grant announced. Once awarded, the center will continue to ensure people with disabilities, including those from historically underserved communities, have equal access to publicly funded workforce programs and services. The LEAD Center focuses on advancing economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, creating career pathways to competitive integrated employment and increasing data reporting on disability through WIOA programs. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/odep/odep20220503>. Grant number: [FOA-ODEP-22-10](#). **Deadline: June 17.**

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HHS Invites Applications for its Transitional Living Program. The Administration for Children & Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting applications for its Transitional Living Program. The program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 for up to 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months. Grant number: [HHS-2022-ACF-ACYF-CX-0061](#). **Deadline: June 21.**

SAMHSA Invites Applications for its Tribal Opioid Response Grants. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is accepting applications for its Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grants program. The TOR program designed is to assist in addressing the overdose crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, and supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders. The TOR program also supports the full continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery support services for stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine. Federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe or tribal organizations are eligible to apply. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 27.**

HHS Invites Applications for its Maternity Group Home Program. The Administration for Children & Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting applications for its Maternity Group Home Program. The program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter only for pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren) for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. Grant number: [HHS-2022-ACF-ACYF-YZ-0063](#). **Deadline: June 27.**

HHS Invites Applications for its Basic Center Program. The Administration for Children & Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting applications for its Basic Center Program. The program provides temporary shelter and counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians, have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might otherwise end up in the law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. BCPs work to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. Grant number: [HHS-2022-ACF-ACYF-CY-0069](#). **Deadline: June 27.**

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DOJ Invites Applications for its Enhancing Access to Victim Services. The Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting applications for its Enhancing Access to Victim Services program. The program is designed to remove barriers that may prevent individuals from reporting crimes and accessing supportive services when they are harmed by improving and expanding the availability of accessible victim-centered, trauma-informed services for crime victims who are disabled, Deaf, hard-of-hearing, limited English proficient (LEP), blind and/or visually impaired. Grant number: [O-OVC-2022-171328](#). **Deadline: June 29.**

DOL Announces \$2M Funding Opportunity to Help Women Workers Who Earn Low Wages Learn About Labor Rights, Benefits. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced a funding opportunity of \$2 million for up to eight grants to help women who earn low wages to learn about and access their employment rights and benefits. Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#) and [Women's Bureau](#), Fostering Access, Rights and Equity grants are designed to support non-profit organizations that connect women workers to additional services, benefits and legal assistance. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/wb/wb20220518>. Grant number: [FOA-WB-22-14](#). **Deadline: July 1.**

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Mental Health Care in the United States: The Case for Federal Action. This [report](#) released by the U.S. Senate Finance Committee was developed to support the current bipartisan initiative being undertaken by the Committee to improve behavioral health for Americans covered under federal health programs. The Committee takes a broad view of behavioral health to include both mental health conditions and substance use disorders (SUD), reflecting the reality that mental health and SUD are often, though not always, cooccurring.

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Connecting Youth During the COVID-19 Pandemic. This [infographic](#) released by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services explores the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on programs that support young people, ages 16-24, who experience disconnection from school and work, often referred to as "opportunity youth." It provides an overview of which education, job training, and supportive services, in addition to enrollment and implementation practices were added or ended during the first year (spring 2020-spring 2021) of the pandemic by programs that help youth reconnect to education, obtain employment, and advance in the labor market.

BLACK LGBTQ+ MENTAL HEALTH. This [infographic](#) released by the Institute's Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity and the African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence provides a visual description of how mental health impacts experiences of Black LGBTQ+ individuals. It also includes tips for how behavioral health providers can also provide support.

Implementing the New Digital Equity Act: What Workforce and Education Advocates Need to Know. This [fact sheet](#) released by the National Skills Coalition provides an overview of key information related to the legislation, which passed Congress last November as part of the broader Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The fact sheet is designed for advocates on workforce boards and in American Job Centers, community colleges, nonprofit community-based organizations, labor-management partnerships, adult education providers, and immigrant-serving organizations who are curious about how this new funding can support workers.

Children's Mental Health Awareness/Pieces of Me: MOVE It Forward 2022 Toolkit. This [toolkit](#) released by Youth MOVE National focuses around intersectional perspectives related to personal identity and youth-serving systems using some of the platforms that the YMCI has created.

Behavioral Health Implementation Guide for the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care. This [guide](#) released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health underscores the ways in which the National CLAS Standards can improve access to behavioral health care, promote quality behavioral health programs and practice, and ultimately reduce persistent disparities in mental health and substance use treatment for underserved minority communities.

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Toward a Vision of Quality Summer Employment for All Youth. This [brief](#) released by CLASP outlines strategies suggested during stakeholder interviews. Far from a framework or checklist, these considerations should serve as conversation starters to help communities think beyond SYEP as we know it and propose SYEP as it could be.

SYEP in 2021: Lessons for a Changing World. This [brief](#) released by CLASP summarizes key themes that emerged from interviews with Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) funders, program providers, and youth participants in Albany, Denver, Louisville, Los Angeles, New York, and Orlando.

High School Work-based Learning: Best Practices Designed to Improve Career Readiness Outcomes for Today's Youth. The [guide](#) released by American Student Assistance compiles best practices and interviews with state leaders pioneering new strategies in youth work-based learning.

Disability and Employment Community. The Disability and Employment Community of Practice was recently added to the Workforce GPS website. This site is an online learning one-stop destination for the American Job Center network, people with disabilities, and employers. Additionally, it is a resource for all key stakeholders who partner with the workforce system to provide services and programs to people with disabilities and/or other barriers to employment. To view and register to join the CoP, visit: <https://disability.workforcegps.org/>.

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On June 9th the Office of Workforce Investment is kicking off its Workforce System Opioid Webinar series. The first webinar entitled: **Opioid Addiction in the Construction Industry** will feature guest speakers, Executive Director, Chris Trahan Cain and Opioid Projects Coordinator, Christopher Rodman from the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPRW) on mental health and opioid conditions in the construction industry, highlighting current research and sharing evidence-based solutions. To register for the webinar, visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2022/05/19/18/27/The-Opioid-Crisis-in-the-Construction-Industry>.

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On June 14th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host its monthly **“Ask Away!”** Q&A session with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Youth Services (DYS). During the session, the DHS team will answer questions participants may have on policy, performance metrics, eligibility, waivers, and more. To register for the session, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuqapzpkHdZ133hF1noluKnMffJN0NNd>.

Past Webinars/Webcasts

On April 20th the Department of Labor (DOL) hosted a webinar entitled: **Overview Webinar: Providing Access to Voting Through the American Job Center Network**. During the webinar DOL engaged in a discussion of its new guidance, [Training and Employment Guidance Letter 08-21](#), Providing Access to Voting through the American Job Center (AJC) Network. The webinar provided details about how an AJC can become a voter registration agency; describes how the workforce system can support local boards and operators interested in becoming a voter registration agency; and reporting expectations for the workforce system. To view an archive of the webinar visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2022/03/31/17/56/Overview-Providing-Access-to-Voting-Through-the-American-Job-Center-Network>.

On April 19th the LEAD Center hosted a webinar entitled: **The Racial Wealth Gap: Financial and Other Resources for Historically Black Colleges and Universities**. During the webinar, presenters from the U.S. Department of Labor, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the ABLE National Resource Center discussed the unique economic challenges faced by Black youth and young people with disabilities and the importance of accessible, inclusive financial education. To view an archive of the webinar, visit: https://leadcenter.org/webinar/the-racial-wealth-gap-financial-and-other-resources-for-hbcus/?utm_source=LEAD&utm_medium=TFLi&utm_campaign=LEAD_03.18.22.

Upcoming Events

June 2-3. National Youth Employment Coalition's [2022 All Youth Connecting Forum](#).

June 6. [National Higher Education Day](#).

June 9. The Corps Network's [Great Outdoors Day of Service 2022](#).



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