



Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

DOL Publishes Notice for National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. The Department of Labor published the thirty-day notice in the [July 22 FEDERAL REGISTER](#) for the "National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979." **Comments due August 22.**

Department of Education Proposes Higher Education Rulemaking. The Secretary of Education proposes to amend the State authorization sections of the Institutional Eligibility regulations issued under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). In addition, the Secretary proposes to amend the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations issued under the HEA, including the addition of a new section on required institutional disclosures for distance education and correspondence courses. The proposed rulemaking was published in the [July 25 FEDERAL REGISTER](#).

HHS Releases Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Adolescent and School Health developed the [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\)](#). The YRBSS monitors a wide range of priority health risk behaviors among high school students to assist those who work with teens with helping them establish healthy behaviors.

ETA Issues Clarifying Guidance on YouthBuild Funding. The Employment and Training Administration has issued [Change 1 to Training and Employment Guidance Letter 02-10](#). The original advisory has been updated to offer further clarification on the use of YouthBuild funds provided by separate year funding appropriations.

HUD and Comcast Collaborate to Close the Digital Divide. Comcast and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) [ConnectHome](#) initiative took a historic step to close the digital divide in America. Now, public housing and HUD-assisted residents living in Comcast's service area are eligible to apply for [Internet Essentials](#), the company's high-speed internet adoption program for low-income families. Including homes covered by Comcast's pilot public housing expansion announced in March, an estimated total of up to 2 million HUD-assisted homes, including Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Multifamily programs, will now have access to low-cost internet service. To view the press release, visit: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2016/HUDNo_16-108.

ED Seeks Comment on the FSA Student Aid Internet Gateway. Department of Education (ED) published a thirty-day notice in the [July 14 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). Enrollment in the Federal Student Aid Student Aid Internet Gateway allows eligible entities to securely exchange Title IV, Higher Education Act assistance programs data electronically with the ED processors. **Comments due September 12.**

National Fund for Workforce Solutions Recognizes Six Exemplary Young Adult Employer Champions. The [National Fund for Workforce Solutions](#) has recognized six employers, spanning a variety of industries, as "Young Adult Employer Champions." In its second year, the program acknowledges employers who have made a lasting investment in young adult workers by promoting effective hiring techniques and providing access to on-site training and skills development opportunities that result in overall long-term retention and career stability. For more information about the Young Adult Employer Champions, visit: <http://www.nfwsolutions.org/initiatives/young-adult-initiatives>.

Hot WIOA Updates

WIOA Regulations Release. The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education have made publicly available five rules implementing WIOA. WIOA is landmark legislation that is designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers. See complimentary resources noted below:

- [Press Release](#)
- [Training and Employment Guidance Letter 26-15](#)
- Items at www.doleta.gov/WIOA/Final_Rules_Resources.cfm:
 - ◇ [Fact Sheets](#)
 - ◇ [FAQs](#)
 - ◇ [Performance Accountability Resources](#)

For information about DOL performance and reporting, visit:
https://www.doleta.gov/performance/reporting/eta_default.cfm.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) updates available at:
<https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/>

Enough is Known for Action Series

Regs 101 Training: Youth Provision Title I Formula, YouthBuild and Reentry Employment Opportunities. On July 27th, ETA hosted a webinar which highlighted changes in WIOA and described how the formula, YouthBuild and Reentry Employment Opportunities programs have been impacted by the regulations. To view and archive of the webinar, visit:

https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2016/07/18/15/07/Regs_101_Training-Youth_Provision_Title_I_Formula_YouthBuild_and_Reentry_Employment_Opportunities

Peer Learning Group Call on Youth Services Webinar! On June 29th ETA's contractor Maher & Maher hosted a session on effective Youth Committees, partnerships and how they assist with implementation of WIOA In-School and Out-of-School youth programs. To view an archive of the webinar, visit: https://ion.workforcegps.org/events/2016/06/20/09/52/Youth_Services_PLG.

WIOA Youth Training and Employment Guidance Letters

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER No. 23-14: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Transition. This resource provides guidance and planning information to states, local workforce areas, and other recipients of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I youth formula funds on the activities associated with the implementation of WIOA.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER No. 08-15: Second Title 1 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Transition Guidance. This resource provides guidance and planning information to states, local workforce areas, and other recipients on how to begin important planning and organizational work necessary to comply with WIOA statutory requirements.

Funding Announcements and Opportunities

New York Governor Announces Expansion of Urban Youth Jobs Program. Governor Andrew Cuomo announced an additional \$30 million in funding for the Urban Youth Jobs Program, an innovative tax credit program which connects minority and at-risk youth with employment opportunities in communities across the state. Governor Cuomo also announced the official launch of the nation's first state-sponsored Pre-Apprenticeship Program, which he outlined in the 2016 State of the State Address. To learn more about youth job opportunities, visit the Governor's website at: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/>.

ED Announces Intent to Support CTE Programs. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is accepting applications for its Quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs. The CTE program is designed to support the development of a financing model, High-Quality Pay for Success to implement new or scale up existing high-quality CTE projects for Underserved, High-Need Youth (CTE PFS Project). To obtain additional information, visit: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-26/pdf/2016-17657.pdf>. **Deadline: Proposals due August 25.**

HUD Invites Applications for its CoC Program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is accepting applications for its Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. For more information visit: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?op-pId=285539&utm_campaign=hrs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. **Deadline: September 14.**

ED Announces Funding Opportunity to Provide Technical Assistance. Department of Education's (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, is accepting applications from organizations to improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities. The program is designed to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically-based research. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-21/pdf/2016-17324.pdf>. **Deadline: August 22.**

Grant Awards

[Bank of America Announces \\$40 Million Commitment to Support Youth Success](#). Bank of America announced a \$40 million commitment to connect 100,000 teens and young adults to the skills and employment experiences needed for 21st-century jobs. Over the next three years, in partnership with nonprofit organizations across the country, the bank will fund early employment, education and job training and support diverse talent to help build a pipeline that will strengthen and enhance today's workforce. These initiatives build on the company's long-standing sup-

port of youth and young adults, and are a key demonstration of the bank's strategy to advance sustainable and responsible growth of communities and economies nationwide. The commitment was announced in conjunction with Bank of America's [2016 Student Leaders Summit](#), which brings community-minded high school students together to strengthen their skills and help chart their path to success.

[Facebook Pledges \\$15M to Code.Org to Promote Diversity in K-12 Computer Science Education](#). [Code.org](#), a Seattle-based non-profit that promotes computer science education around the world, secured a \$15 million donation from Facebook, to be collected over the next five years. The funds will go toward training educators, across the country, in computer science, focusing on low-income and urban school districts, according to Code.org CEO Hadi Partovi.

Opportunities for Youth, Young Adults, and Practitioners

[Disney Summer of Service Grants 2016](#).
Deadline: September 30.

[2017 Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency Grants](#)
Deadline: August 21.

[NBCUniversal Foundation 21st Century Solutions Grants](#)
Deadline: August 26.

[NEA Foundation's Learning and Leadership Grant](#).
Deadline: October 15.

[FirstEnergy Accepting Applications for STEM-Based Classroom Projects](#).
Deadline: September 23.

[Everyday Young Hero Award](#)
Deadline: Rolling.

Resources

[GetMyFuture: Getting Career and Job Information into the Hands of Youth](#). On June 22nd, ETA hosted this webinar which provided a brief, virtual demonstration of [GetMyFuture.org](#). This mobile-friendly web application (app) will help youth plan their careers, explore education and training options, and search and apply for jobs. To register

for [WorkforceGPS](#) and view an archive of this webinar, visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2016/06/03/14/23/GetMyFuture-Getting-Career-and-Job-Information-into-the-Hands-of-Youth>.

[Summer Food Service Program Resource Sheet](#). This resource sheet developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture includes a range of resources for involvement, including a link to the summer meal site locator tool, which can help children, parents, and community leaders locate sites serving summer meals near them.

Publications

[Connecting Secondary Career and Technical Education and Registered Apprenticeship: A Profile of Six States.](#)

This report helps to clarify the association between Career and technical education and Registered Apprenticeship programs. The report also reviews the programmatic, administrative, and financial policies that six states—Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Washington—have developed to link the two programs.

[How America's High School Students Perceive their Math and Science Abilities.](#) This report released by the National Center for Education Statistics, uses data from the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009. The new Data Point released on (July 14, 2016) explores how the nation's students perceive their math and science abilities as they move through high school.

[Postsecondary Institutions and Price of Attendance in 2015-16; Degrees and Other Awards Conferred: 2014-15; and 12-Month Enrollment: 2014-15: First Look \(Preliminary Data\).](#)

This First Look presents preliminary data findings from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) fall 2015 collection, which included three survey components: Institutional characteristics for the 2015-16 academic year; completions covering the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and data on 12-Month Enrollment for the 2014-15 academic year.

[Persistence and Attainment among Postsecondary Subbaccalaureate Students.](#) This Data Points looks at the 2004-to-2009 rate of persistence and attainment of postsecondary students who were seeking subbaccalaureate credentials in occupational fields of study.

[Career and Technical Education Coursetaking and Postsecondary Enrollment and Attainment: High School Classes of 1992 and 2004.](#) This report examines changes in public high school students' postsecondary enrollment and attainment rates within 8 years of high school graduation.

[AMERICA'S CHILDREN: KEY NATIONAL INDICATORS OF WELL-BEING.](#) This brief published by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics (the Forum), highlights selected indicators by race and ethnicity. This report also provides the most recent statistics on children and families in the United States across all 41 report indicators, covering a range of domains: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health.

[2016 KIDS COUNT Data Book.](#) This report released by The Annie E. Casey Foundation focuses on key trends in child well-being in the post-recession years and offers recommendations for policymakers.

[The Relationship between Youth Program Quality and Social & Emotional Learning.](#)

This issue brief examines the relationship between youth program quality and the development of social and emotional skills. The brief outlines the complementary and highly compatible nature of these two efforts in youth programs, and suggests that youth program quality assessments are often a good proxy for a program's ability to provide environments and experiences where positive social and emotional skills and beliefs can be developed.



Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

Want to get to know a Department of Labor staff. Check out this month's featured Division of Youth Services staff member.

Send your story to youth.services@dol.gov! :)



Jen Troke has been at the Department of Labor for over 17 years in a variety of different roles. She moved to Washington, DC in 1998 after completing her Masters of Public Administration (MPA) at Appalachian State University, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

While in graduate school, she was a Hall Director and Teaching Assistant, and enjoyed having exciting conversations with students about leadership, social issues, and our vision for the world.

She began her professional career at the Center of Creative Leadership in Greensboro, NC, where she learned the basics of strong leadership, the value of 360 degree feedback and importance of peer networking with professionals. Since joining the Division of Youth Services in 2016 as the Division Chief, she has been working to align the efforts of all DOL's youth-serving programs including YouthBuild, the Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) program, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth formula program. She brings a lot of enthusiasm and joy to the work, and has enjoyed meeting grantees and young people over the last year on her youth road trip.

Finally, one of her favorite mottos she uses is, "One Team, One Love." Jen believes strongly that we are all on the same team, and we should never shy away from of our love for one another.

Upcoming Events

August 31-September 2. Washington, DC. Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect [20th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#).

September 28-30. Washington, DC. Making Cents International [10th Anniversary Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit 2016](#).

October 25-27. Provincetown, Cape Cod, MA. [14th Global Youth Justice Training](#).

October 25-27. Chicago, IL. Heartland Alliance [National Initiatives on Poverty & Economic Opportunity](#).

HAVE IDEAS! The Employment and Training Administration is interested in hearing about new and innovative approaches which bring employers, educators and workforce system professionals

together to serve our communities' youth. If you would like share projects or programs in your area, please e-mail your information to the Division of Youth Services at youth.services@dol.gov or twitter at [#oneyouthteam](https://twitter.com/oneyouthteam)



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