

Notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on July 21:

Federal Programs.

1. **PY2021 WIOA Youth Funds:** ALL 16 WDA's have approved PY21 WIOA Youth Budgets; federal funds released to WDA level under the Master Agreements. Final versions of Local Youth Plans will be posted on DEED's website. WDA's did an outstanding job updating the Local Youth Plans: if DOL does a review of the WIOA Youth Program, they start with their review of Local Youth Plans.
2. **DOL Data Validation Webinar on 7/14:** Notes from DOL's Data Validation Webinar forwarded to WDAs in separate message on 7/15. DOL asking states to complete DV by the time that the Annual Report submitted to DOL on December 1. Youth Team developed a DV Worksheet that is currently being reviewed by DOL; the worksheet to be included in the PY21 WIOA Youth Monitoring Guide.
3. **PY2020 WIOA Annual Report:** DOL requesting states to include in Annual Report the number of ITAs used by WDAs in PY20 WIOA Youth Program. **Action Request: if WDA/youth service providers used ITAs (ISY and/or OSY) in PY20 WIOA Youth Program, please advise :** Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and John.R.Olson@state.mn.us when your schedule permits. **To date, we've heard from Northeast WDA, South Central, Washington County and Winona County.**
4. **Preliminary PY20 WIOA Youth Performance data:** from FutureWorks forwarded in separate message last week. The FutureWorks State level data is close to preliminary numbers that we will see from the DOL portal. We anticipate running the PY20 Annual Report using the DOL portal soon. If you identify issues with local data, please follow up with John.R.Olson@state.mn.us.
5. **TANF Youth Project:** **please be sure to update all enrollment, activity and expenditure data in WorkForce 1 for the quarter ending 6/30/21, as soon as possible.** If questions, please contact Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or visit the TANF Youth webpage at: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/>.

State Programs.

6. **New SFY2022 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Funds:** To date, **FIFTEEN** WDAs/MYP service providers have approved SFY22 MYP budgets: Inter-County, city of Duluth, South Central, Career Solutions (Stearns/Benton), Washington County, CMJTS, Southwest, Northeast, Scott County, Rural CEP, Carver County, Southeast WDI, Anoka County, Winona County and city of Minneapolis. **Three WDAs (Hennepin County, Ramsey County and Dakota County) are still working to finalize their SFY22 MYP Budgets.**
7. **Preliminary SFY2021 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Data:** forwarded to WDAs/MYP service providers in a separate message. Please make certain that your SFY21 MYP data is correct/complete in WorkForce 1. We also provided a chart that shows how the MYP activities and services roll up in the data summary. This is the data summary that is reported to Legislature. If you identify problems with local SFY21 MYP data, please follow up with John.R.Olson@state.mn.us.

8. **Funding Awards Announced for SFY22 Youth at Work Competitive Grants: Letters to successful applicants (signed by Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner) released on 7/12.** Youth Team received over \$17.7 million in funding requests; the Legislature recommended level funding so there is \$3.8 million available per year for SFY22-23 Youth at Work competitive grants. **SFY22 Youth at Work grantees are encouraged to return revised workplans and budgets to Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us as soon as practical. A webinar for Youth at Work grantees is tentatively scheduled for July 29 – more information to follow.**
9. **SFY21 Youth at Work Outcome Data:** Please review SFY21 Youth at Work data in WorkForce 1 (WF1) – make certain that it is accurate and complete for your agency. This is the data that will be included in the required Legislative Report on SFY21 YAW grants.
10. **“ Working DRAFT: YOUTH Report Card”:** DEED Leadership advised Youth Team last week that they would like to move forward with a **YOUTH Report Card** that impacts SFY22 MYP, SFY22 Youthbuild and SFY22 Youth at Work Competitive Grants. **Please review the attached powerpoint -- it includes DRAFT/proposed Youth Performance Metrics for SFY22 MYP, YB and YAW grants. Please provide feedback to: Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and John.R.Olson@state.mn.us as soon as your schedule permits. The proposed performance metrics are based on data already collected in WF1.**

If questions on any of the issues referenced above, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or John.R.Olson@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us. Thank you again for your cooperation.

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