

See below for notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on October 27:

Federal Programs.

1. **Who was served under the PY2020 WIOA Youth Program?** Minnesota served 2,476 youth: 64% youth of color from BIPOC communities; 56% young women; 34% youth with disabilities; 20% homeless youth or runaways; 17% systems-involved youth (foster youth and juvenile offenders) and 45% youth from families on public assistance. To date, over 80% of PY20 WIOA Youth funds are expended: MN exceeding the required OSY expenditure rate at 78% and exceeding the required Work Experience expenditure rate at 32%. **MN met or exceeded all PY2020 WIOA Youth statewide performance goals.** MN's PY2020 WIOA data was certified by DOL in compliance with October 1 due date. States required to submit "narrative reports" on PY20 WIOA Youth by December 1.
2. **PY2021 WIOA Youth Performance:** Preliminary PY21 WIOA Youth Data will be available at the WDA level in November-December in MN Performs. **DEED renewed the current contract with FUTUREWORKS for 2022.**
3. **Technical Assistance on Performance and Reporting:** Each year, Youth Team offers customized training on reporting and performance under WIOA Youth and the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). The sessions are based on questions from the WDA's Youth Staff/youth service providers. Travel restrictions remain, so all TAT sessions are virtual. The following sessions are completed or scheduled (through December):
 - * **Northeast Office of Job Training:** completed September 30
 - * **South Central/MVAC Part I:** completed October 26
 - * **South Central/MVAC Part II:** November 10
 - * **CMJTS:** November 16
 - * **Winona County:** November 19
 - * **City of Duluth:** December 3
 - * **Hennepin-Carver:** December 15
4. **DOL released new Support Services Technical Assistance Guide on 10/15:** [TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE No. 12-21, Employment & Training Administration \(ETA\) - U.S. Department of Labor \(doleta.gov\).](#)
5. **New TANF Youth Interagency Agreement/Planning Instructions to DHS:** Youth Team is working with DHS on new Interagency Agreement (2 years of funding anticipated) to support the TANF Youth Program. DRAFT Planning Instructions forwarded to DHS on 10/25. Since 2009, this partnership (DEED, DHS and MAWB) has leveraged over \$8 million of TANF funds to provide Work Experience and Work Readiness Training for over 4,500 teen parents on MFIP and younger youth in MFIP households.
6. **For WDAs with Current TANF Youth Projects/Contracts end on 12/31/21:** **please be sure to update all enrollment, activity and expenditure data in WorkForce 1 for the quarter ending 9/30/21.** To date, 208 youth have been served: 39 (19%) co-enrolled in WIOA Youth (OSY or ISY); 109 (52%) co-enrolled in MYP; 29 (14%) co-enrolled in Youth at Work grants. 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.

7. **Preliminary SFY2021 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Data Summary released to WDAs on 10/18/21:** 2,684 youth served in SFY21 MYP; 63% youth from families on public assistance; 47% youth with disabilities; 96% of youth exiters attained Work Readiness Goals as measured by the employer on the worksite (pre and post); 73% youth attained academic credit or service learning credit. **ALL WDAs/MYP service providers asked to review the preliminary SFY21 MYP data to assure that the WDA's data is accurate and complete in WorkForce 1. Reminder: submit your customer satisfaction data to John.R.Olson@state.mn.us if you have not already**

done so. This is the data that will be incorporated into the MYP Program Summary/reported to the Legislature. Note: over 15,000 youth served through the Outreach to Schools/Higher Ed Career Advisor component of SFY21 MYP.

8. **New SFY22-23 Youth at Work Equity Grants:** **40 Youth at Work grants were funded for SFY22-23.** The Legislature provided \$3.8 million per year (level funding). Contracts in place with a July 1, 2021 start date. Training offered on October 12 and October 28 for YAW grantees/youth staff new to using WorkForce 1.
9. **Current SFY21 Youth at Work Grantees - Data for Legislative Report:** 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 for SFY21 YAW grants. A DRAFT Legislative Report for SFY21 will be available for local review/comment soon.
10. **MNI'T Designed Training for Youth Grantees/Using WorkForce 1:** Youth Team offered two sessions (October 12 and October 28) for new youth staff/grantees using WorkForce 1. The second session on October 28 is FULL.
11. **SFY22-23 Youth Support Services RFP (\$500,000 available per year): proposals due on September 30, 2021.** Youth Team received 45 proposals – funding requests exceeded \$3.8 million. Funding recommendations provided to DEED leadership on 10/26. Grant awards should be announced soon. Contracts will start on December 1.

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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