

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/26/22:

Federal Programs.

1. Updates to Local Youth Plans (narrative sections) are due on **April 8, 2022**, for activities funded under PY22 WIOA Youth and SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP).
2. **Preliminary PY2021 WIOA Youth Performance: released to WDAs in separate message on 1/19/22.** Rosters are now available in WorkForce One. We ask WDA staff and youth service providers to remain diligent on EXITER follow-ups and updating WorkForce 1 data in a timely manner. It is also important to focus on collecting and reporting information for the Measurable Skills Gain measure.
3. **Performance Goals for the PY2022-PY2003 for WIOA Youth. All states required to negotiate state-level WIOA Youth performance goals for PY22 and PY23 with DOL.** DOL has a Performance Assessment Webinar scheduled for 1/26/22 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will share notes and keep you posted.
4. **PY2020 WIOA Youth Expenditures.** Contracts for PY20 WIOA Youth grants end 3/31/22. **If your WDA will not fully expend funds by 3/31/22, please let us know as soon as possible so we can extend the contract to 6/30/22.** Any funds remaining after 6/30/22 must be redistributed to other WDAs as required by federal law.
5. **DEED's LMI Team will provide Youth Team with new WDA-level ASU data:** for inclusion in the PY2022 WIOA Youth Allocation Formula. Last year, all 16 Minnesota WDAs had at least one ASU.
6. **Youth-Focused Waiver Requests?** DEED's Youth Team asked DOL National Office to renew the following three WIOA youth-focused waiver requests. The 3 waiver requests will be included in Minnesota's WIOA State Plan Updates (waiver section). WDAs have the option to submit waivers with the Local Youth Plans for #1 and #2 below:
 - 1) **Homeless/Foster In-School Youth:** waiver permits 60% OSY expenditure rate (instead of 75%) for WDAs serving ISY meeting DOL's definition of homeless/foster youth.
 - 2) **Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for In-School Youth Under WIOA Youth:** WDAs have option to use ITAs for In-School Youth (ISY) in addition to Out-of-School Youth (OSY) with this waiver; local ITA policy must be included with Local Youth Plan for ISY and OSY.The third waiver: permits projects funded with **Governor's Reserve Funds/WIOA Youth Set-aside funds**, to determine the mix of ISY and OSY (e.g. waives the 75% OSY expenditure rate). Will have Progress Reports soon on CP3 and YB/Gov Reserve Funds soon.
7. **Technical Assistance on Youth Performance/Reporting on WIOA Youth & Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):** Each year, Youth Team offers customized training on reporting and performance issues. The sessions are based on specific questions from the WDA staff/youth service providers along with general program refresher (helpful for new staff). The following sessions have already been completed, are pending or yet to be scheduled:
 - Northeast Office of Job Training: completed 9/30/21
 - South Central/MVAC/Part I: completed 10/26/21
 - South Central/MVAC/Part II: completed 11/10/21
 - CMJTS: completed 11/16/21
 - Duluth: completed 12/3/21
 - Hennepin-Carver: completed 12/15/21
 - Winona County: completed 12/17/21
 - Career Solutions/Stearns-Benton: scheduled for 2/7/22
 - Dakota-Scott: scheduled for 2/11/22

- Anoka County: scheduled for 2/28/22
- Rural CEP: date TBD
- Southwest: date TBD

8. TANF Youth Innovation Projects: 2022 contracts are in place with a 1/1/22 start date. It is not necessary to exit and re-enroll participants in WF1 if they were enrolled prior to 1/1/22 and remain in the program without interruption into January 2022. **Please remember to enter all enrollments, activities, expenditures, exits (as appropriate) for participants served during the quarter ending 12/31/21 as soon as possible so we can submit our final invoice for the 2020-21 project to DHS. Also, please complete the 2020-21 TANF Youth Project Final Report and submit to Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us by 1/31/22.**

State Programs.

1. Planning Instructions for SFY 22 Youthbuild Programs: issued on January 4, 2022. Workplans and budgets to be submitted by March 5, 2022. The contact person on the Youth Team if questions on the Youthbuild Program: Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us. Note: 2 state-funded YB programs applied for federal YB funds; **proposals due to DOL on 1/21/22.**

2. TAT Workshop on 1/26/22 (earlier today): **for new SFY22 Youth at Work and SFY22 Youth Support Services Grantees. The session has been recorded and will be available "on demand" for grantees who had a scheduling conflict. Topics will include grant requirements, WF1, and extensions/modifications. Questions? Please contact Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.**