

Notes From Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 3/1/23:

WIOA Youth Program

- 1. Preliminary PY22 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary:** issued by Youth Team in a separate message (data in WF1 as of 2/7/23). The preliminary PY2022 WIOA Youth data looks great at this stage of the process. **Reminder: Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) is the only “real time” measure under WIOA Youth. Please be certain that your WDA/youth service providers have plan for collecting transcripts and report cards and entering into WF1.**
- 2. PY21 WIOA Youth funds:** Minnesota is 96% expended or obligated statewide, as of 1/31/23. If the WDA needs a modification to continue to spend SFY21 WIOA Youth funds beyond March 31, 2023, advise Youth Team ASAP and we will forward the required forms for a one-quarter extension to 6/30/23. **To date, Anoka County, Washington County, Hennepin-Carver, Dakota-Scott, Northeast and CMJTS have requested modifications.**
- 3. Exiter Analysis of PY21 WIOA Youth – Minnesota Compared to Nationwide:** issued by Youth Team in separate message on 2/7/23. Highlights include:
 - * MN exited 6 times the # of Asian American Youth, compared to US total exiters
 - * MN exited 2.7 times the # of Native American Youth, compared to US total exiters
 - * MN exited 2.5 times the # of Homeless Youth, compared to US total exiters
 - * MN exited 2.1 times the # of Youth w/Disability, compared to US total exiters
- 4. PY22 WIOA Youth Funds:** WDAs have until June 30, 2023 to expend or OBLiGATE 80% of their PY22 WIOA Youth funds, per federal law. WDAs may request a waiver to the 20% carry over limit. **To date, Southwest, Hennepin-Carver, and CMJTS have requested/secured waivers to the 20% limit on PY22 carryover funds. Anoka County, Ramsey County and Washington County have expressed interest in the waiver.** E-mail waiver requests on the 20% carry-over limit must be submitted to attention of Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us -- request waiver and provide justification. The approved waiver will be included with the Local Youth Plan update.
- 5. DOL Approved Minnesota’s WIOA Youth Waivers for PY2023:** No change from PY22: WDAs have the option to include the same three WIOA Youth Waivers in their PY23 Local Youth Plan updates: 1) Reduce the Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate to 60% if the WDA serves In School Youth under WIOA who meet DOL’s definition of Homeless Youth and/or Foster Youth. 2) Use Individual Training Accounts for In School Youth, in addition to Out of School Youth (local policy must be approved by the LWDB). 3) For projects providing direct services with Governor’s Reserve Funds: 75% OSY expenditure requirement waived (e.g. grantees can determine mix of ISY and OSY).
- 6. Local Youth Plan Narrative Updates:** **due on April 14, 2023. To date, Northwest WDA has submitted and received tentative approval of their Local Youth Plan.** **Reminder: include required attachments to the updated Local Youth Plan (e.g. RFP, local policies on incentives, stipends, ITAs, support services, etc). The checklist is included with the Instructions for updating the Local Youth Plans (issued by Youth Team on 12/6/22). Sample incentive and stipend policies are posted on the WIOA Youth webpage, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/resources/> .**
- 7. DOL PY2023 WIOA Allocations TEGl - expected in mid-March.** DEED’s LMI Team needs to provide Youth Team with WDA-level ASU data for updating the WIOA Youth (and adult) allocation formula. **Reminder: this is the year that DOL is updating the Youth in Poverty Data in the federal allocation formula (every 5 years).**

8. **DOL Developing Youth & Young Adult Videos -- Youth Participants from CMJTS expected to participate:** DOL collecting video footage to emphasize YOUTH VOICE and perspective of youth and young workers for upcoming DOL-sponsored events and activities. DOL National Office of Public Affairs will ask three questions: 1) What is your dream? 2) What do you need to achieve your dream? 3) How are the workforce programs you are participating in helping you achieve your goals?
9. **WIOA Youth Key Provisions Review:** by Chicago Regional Office DOL Team is underway in the Region V states. Nebraska's review took place in January: Nebraska state staff shared the specific background information requested by DOL. Minnesota's key provisions review is scheduled for the week of July 10 (MN's FPO visiting the city of Minneapolis).

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):

10. **WDAs/MYP Service Providers Will NOT be required to submit SFY24 MYP Budgets with the Local Youth Plan updates -- due on April 14, 2023.** Blank Budget Forms will be issued with the final SFY24 MYP allocations pending final action by the House and Senate and Governor's approval of the DEED Appropriations Bill.
11. **SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) contracts end on 6/30/23.** Please contact Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us as soon as possible if you need an extension to 9/30/23. To date, Duluth, Washington County, South Central, Carver County, Ramsey County and Southwest have expressed interest in one-quarter contract extensions for SFY23 MYP

Youth Competitive Grants:

12. **SFY24-SFY25 Youth at Work Request for Proposals (RFP):** posted on DEED's website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp#8>. A webinar for interested applicants is posted along with Q and A's. Questions on the SFY24-25 Youth at Work RFP should be directed via e-mail to: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.
13. **SFY24-SFY25 Youth Support Services Request for Proposals (RFP):** posted on DEED's on 2/24/23, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts> (under Competitive Grants). A webinar for interested applicants and Q and A's posted along with the new RFP. Questions on the SFY24-SFY25 Youth Support Services RFP should be directed via e-mail to: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

If questions, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or John.R.Olson@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your cooperation --

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