

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on September 25:

WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM:

- **PY2022 WIOA Youth Program Funding:** 100% fully expended as of 7/31/24. ALL WDAs submitted final fiscal reports. MN's OSY Expenditure Rate = 75.1%; WE Expenditure Rate = 35%. Seven WDAs opted for the 60% OSY waiver. Kudos to Youth Practitioner's Network; excellent work.
- **PY2023 WIOA Youth Program Funding:** 86.9% expended as of 7/31/24. Two WDAs (Washington County and Career Solutions) are 100% fully expended; submitted final fiscal reports. Seven WDAs secured WAIVER to carry over PY2023 WIOA Youth Funds in excess of the 20% limit in federal law: Southwest, Ramsey County, Winona County, Hennepin-Carver, Northwest, Anoka County and city of Minneapolis.
- **FINAL PY23 WIOA Youth Data Summary will be issued SOON:** DOL has to "certify" Minnesota's final PY23 WIOA Data (due to DOL on October 1, 2024).
- **ALL PY2024 WIOA Youth Contracts are fully executed:** All WDAs have fully approved Local Youth Plans, including LOCAL PY24/PY24 WIOA Youth Performance Goals and final PY24 Budget Forms. Local Youth Plans will be posted on DEED's website.
- **TIMELINE for PY2024 WIOA Youth Credential Attainment Rate:** is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Recent quote from DOL Region V Performance Coordinator: "If a participant has a credential reported, they should have a Measureable Skills Gain (MSG) reported for all types of training since a skill is gained prior to a credential." DOL planning to provide training to all Region V states (including MN) on CAR and MSG – date for virtual training TBD.
- **Individualized Technical Assistance (TA) Available:** Each year, WDAs are invited to request individualized TA from Youth Team's Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us on all WIOA Youth Performance Measures, including the Credential Attainment Rate and Measureable Skills Gain (MSG).
- **Preliminary PY2024 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary will be available SOON in FutureWorks –**

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):

- **SFY24 MYP Funds:** 87.9% expended or obligated as of 7/31/24. Most contracts end 9/30/24; seven WDAs requested a contract extension: Carver County, Winona County, Duluth, Hennepin County, CMJTS, Southwest WDA and Ramsey County.
- **SFY24 MYP Data Summary:** will be distributed for review in early October. Please be certain that your WDA's SFY24 MYP Data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1. This is the data that will be included in the SFY24 Legislative Report and the MYP Program Summary.
- **SFY24 MYP Annual Report** will be available in October. Heading into a funding year in the Legislature it is important that we have a quality SFY24 MYP annual report ready to go before the Legislature convenes in early January. Our thanks to all WDAs for updated profiles + success stories.
- **ALL SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) contracts** have been fully executed. The Legislature provided "supplemental" funding for MYP in SFY24 and SFY25. The total funding available for SFY25 MYP is \$8.477 million (\$4.427 million are supplemental dollars). Legislative Action will be required to make the MYP funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted MYP Legislative Proposal in July to DEED Leadership and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending permanent MYP funding increase for SFY2026 and SFY2027. Questions on MYP? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Youthbuild:

- **SFY24 Youthbuild Funds:** 83.5% expended or obligated as of 7/31/24.
- **SFY24 Youthbuild Data Summary:** will be distributed for local review and comment in early October.
- **SFY24 Legislative Report for Youthbuild:** Heading into a funding year in the Legislature, it is critical to have a quality SFY24 Legislative Report on Youthbuild ready to go before the Legislature convenes in early January. DRAFT SFY24 Youthbuild legislative report and outcome data will be available for local review in October.
- **ALL SFY25 Youthbuild contracts** are fully executed. The Legislature provided "supplemental" funding for Youthbuild in SFY24 and SFY25. The total funding available for SFY25 Youthbuild is \$2,093,000 million (\$ 1 million are supplemental funds). Legislative Action will be required to make the YB funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted YB Legislative Proposal to DEED Leadership in July and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending permanent YB funding increase for SFY26 and SFY27. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us. The Youthbuild Provider Network Quarterly TEAMS Meeting is on Tuesday, October 1.

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

- **SFY24 Youth at Work Competitive Funds: 91.3% expended or obligated as of 7/31/24.**
- **SFY24 Youth at Work Data Summary: will be distributed to review in October. Please be certain that your SFY24 Youth at Work data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1. This is the data that will be included in the SFY24 required Legislative Report and Youth at Work Program Summary.**
- **SFY24 Youth at Work Legislative Report: Heading into a funding year in the Legislature, it is important to have a high quality SFY24 Legislative Report ready to go on the Youth at Work Grants before the Legislature convenes in early January.**
- **ALL SFY25 Youth at Work contracts are fully executed. The Legislature provided “supplemental” funding for Youth at Work. The total funding available for SFY25 Youth at Work grants is \$7,075,000 (\$ 3,002,000 is supplemental funding). Legislative action will be required to make the Youth at Work funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted Youth at Work Legislative Proposal to DEED Leadership in July and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending a permanent Youth at Work funding increase for SFY26 and SFY27. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us. Current Youth at Work Policy Memos have been updated to include additional guidance on WF1 activities, performance and reporting; will be posted to Youth at Work webpage.**

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

- **SFY24 Youth Support Services Competitive Funds: 80.3% expended or obligated as of 7/31/24.**
- **Please be certain that your SFY24 Youth Support Services data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1.**
- **DRAFT SFY24 Youth Support Services Annual Report and Data Summary: will be available for local review in October. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.**
- **ALL SFY25 Youth Support Services contracts are fully executed.**

Partners for Youth: Equitable Transitions Model Federal Discretionary Grant was awarded to MN/DEED by U.S. Dept of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP):

- **The ETM Grant is a 5-year demonstration project which includes an evaluation component**
- **The Partners for Youth Project leverages the expertise of 5 WDAs and the PACER Center: CMJTS, Rural CEP, Southwest PIC, South Central/MVAC, and Southeast WDI has been added to the project.**
- **Progress reports, best practices, and outcomes will be shared across the Youth Practitioners Network. Questions? Please contact Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have questions on any of the Youth Programs referenced above, please follow up with:

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