

Notes From Kay Tracy/Youth Programs update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 10/22/25:

Rita.Beatty@state.mn.us announced last week that the workforce development RELEASE AND CONSENT Form has been revised (see attached).

WIOA Youth Program –

PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 89.4% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.

PY2025 WIOA Youth Funds: 8.6% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.

- A. FINAL PY2024 WIOA Youth Performance Data: released in separate message by Youth Team on 9/18/25. MN met or exceeded all PY2024 WIOA Youth State-level performance goals (kudos to the Youth Practitioner’s network). Minnesota’s final PY2024 WIOA data was “certified” by DOL on 9/18. This is the data that was submitted to DOL on 10/1/25, in MN’s PY24 WIOA Annual Report. The Narrative Section of MN’s PY24 WIOA Annual Report is due to DOL on 12/1/25.**

- B. Who Was Served Under the PY24 WIOA Youth Program? Minnesota WDAs served 2,263 youth; 52% were young women; 80% were from BIPOC communities; 45% had a disability; 45% on public assistance; 19% system involved (juvenile offenders or foster youth) and 17% were homeless youth or runaways. Minnesota met or exceeded all performance goals while serving low-income youth with multiple barriers to employment.**

- C. When will Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Data Summary be Available? Youth Team issued Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Data Summary on 10/21. WDAs are encouraged to schedule a customized training session**

with Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us, Youth Team's Reporting/Performance Lead.

D. How Do WDAs/Youth Practitioners Access the new Training Video on Topic of "How to Enter Measureable Skills Gains (MSG) into WorkForce One?"

- 1. Log into WorkForce One**
- 2. Go to the Resources Tab (top Navigation Bar)**
- 3. Select User How to Guide from the Dropdown Menu**
- 4. Click on MSG and Reporting Collection to open the Video**

E. TEGL 10-23 Change 2 (Work Authorization): the U.S. Department of Labor is currently NOT ENFORCING TEGL 10-23, Change 2, in any state. This is result of a preliminary injunction issued on September 10, 2025. We will keep you posted as we receive more information.

MINNESOTA YOUTH Program (MYP):

SFY25 MYP Funds: 91% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.

SFY26 MYP Funds: 31.5% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.

F. Preliminary SFY25 MYP Program Summary is attached. The WDA-level SFY25 MYP Data Summary was routed to WDAs/MYP service providers on 10/8/25.

G. Who Was Served Under the SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program? 4,351 total served; 50% young women; 49% youth with disabilities; 58% youth on public assistance; 59% youth from communities of color; 86% attained Work

Readiness Skills and Education Goals; 57% earned academic credit or service learning credit.

- H. Reminder: For WDAs Who Provided an Outreach to Schools (OTS) Component Under SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP): SFY25 OTS data summary is still in process: please be certain that Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us has YOUR complete SFY25 OTS data.**

Youthbuild:

SFY25 Youthbuild Funds: 88% expended as of 8/31/25.

- I. SFY26/27 Youthbuild RFP Closed in August: Letters to successful applicants, signed by DEED Commissioner, were released on 10/8/25. SFY26/27 Youthbuild grantees are in the process of revising workplans/budgets. Youth Team making it a priority to get contracts in place as soon as possible. Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.**
- J. Total SFY26/27 Youthbuild Funds Available: \$950,000 per year (\$1,900,000 for the biennium). Youth Team received funding requests totaling over \$3.6 million (ie, several times over the dollar amount available in the SFY26/27 Youthbuild RFP).**

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

- K. SFY25 Youth at Work Competitive Grants: 94.3% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.**

L. SFY26/27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants: 38 projects funded (over \$32 million in funding requests; 90 proposals submitted in SFY26/27 funding cycle). \$4,843,100 is available per year in SFY26/27 for Youth at Work grants (e.g. a return to SFY22/23 funding level).

M. WEBINAR for new SFY26/27 Youth at Work Grantees: held on October 9, 2025; handouts from the webinar will be forwarded to all Youth at Work grantees. SFY26/27 Youth at Work Contracts have a July 1, 2025 Start Date. Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

N. SFY25 Youth at Work DATA: please be certain that your SFY25 Youth at Work data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1. The SFY25 Required Youth at Work Legislative Report and Youth at Work Program Summary are in process.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

O. SFY25 Youth Support Services Grants: 89.7% expended or obligated as of 8/31/25.

P. SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Grants: 21 SFY26/27 projects funded; contracts have a July 1, 2025 start date. \$831,250 is available per year for SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Projects.

Q. WEBINAR for SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Grantees held on October 9, 2025; copy of the presentation will be shared with all Youth Support Services grantees. Questions? Please follow up with Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

R. Please review your PY25 Youth Support Services DATA to assure that it is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1. YOUR data that will be included in the

SFY25 Youth Support Services Program Summary that is submitted to the Legislature.

Employment Transitions Model (ETM)/Federal Discretionary Grant from DOL/ODEP:

- 1. Full implementation of Minnesota's ETM grant began October 1, 2025.**
- 2. Year 2 ETM contracts are in process, covering July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.**
- 3. There are over 148 enrollments across the five participating LWDAs.**

Thank you again for your cooperation.

If questions, please do not hesitate to follow up with Youth Team -

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