



WIOA Youth Program Fact Sheet

About the Program

WIOA outlines a broader youth vision that supports an integrated service delivery system and gives a framework through which states and local areas can leverage other Federal, State, Local, and philanthropic resources to support in-school and out-of-school youth. WIOA affirms the Department's commitment to providing high quality services for youth and young adults beginning with career exploration and guidance, continued support for educational attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries and occupations, and culminating with a good job along a career pathway or enrollment in post-secondary education.

Deliverables

WIOA presents an extraordinary opportunity to improve job and career options for our nation's workers and jobseekers through an integrated, job-driven public workforce system that links diverse talent to businesses. It supports the development of strong, vibrant regional economies where businesses thrive and people want to live and work.

Emphasis on Work Experience

At least 20 percent of local Youth formula funds must be used for work experiences, such as summer and year-round employment, pre-apprenticeship, on-the-job training, or internships and job shadowing.

Defining Need

WIOA requires a minimum of 75 percent of State and Local Youth funding to be used for Out of School Youth.

Services

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Youth Program Providers:

- **Eastern Humboldt - Dream Quest**
- **Southern Humboldt – Mattole Restoration Council**
- **Northern Humboldt - McKinleyville Family Resource Center**
- **Eureka - Eel River Valley- The Smart Center**

Eligibility Criteria

To be able to participate in the WIOA Youth Program, an individual must be and Out of School (OS) Youth or an In School (IS) Youth and meet the correlating eligibility criteria outlined below.

Out of School (OS) Youth

- Age 16-24 years old
- Not attending any secondary or postsecondary school
- A school dropout.
- Plus one or more of the following barriers:
- A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year quarter.
- A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is either basic skills deficient or an English language learner.
- An offender.
- A homeless individual or a runaway.
- An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or who has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption, a child eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act, or in an out-of-home placement.
- An individual who is pregnant or parenting (custodial and non-custodial parent including non-custodial fathers).
- An individual with a disability.
- A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.

In School (IS) Youth

- Attending school, including secondary and postsecondary school.
- Age 14-21 years old (A youth with disabilities who is in an individualized education program at the age of 22 may be enrolled as an IS youth.
- Low income individual.
- Meets one or more of the following barriers:
- Basic skills deficient.
- An English language learner.
- An offender.
- A homeless individual or runaway.
- An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or who has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption, a child eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act, or in an out-of-home placement.
- Pregnant or parenting (custodial and non-custodial parent including non-custodial fathers).
- An individual with a disability.
- An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or secure and hold employment