

Myth Busters 2.0

WIOA American Job Center (AJC) Services



Myths are misconceptions that interfere with the ability to fully implement an integrated workforce development system as envisioned under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Myths may result from misunderstanding laws and regulations and from lack of experience with other workforce partners. Listed below are some myths and the facts that provide the real story:

Dislocated Worker Program Age Requirement

Myth:

Individuals must be *at least* 18 years old in order to be served by the WIOA Dislocated Worker program.

Fact:

The Dislocated Worker program does not have an age requirement. An individual must meet the eligibility criteria of WIOA section 3(15), which does not include age among its criteria.

For more information on the Dislocated Worker program, please see:

<https://ion.workforcegps.org/resources/2018/06/05/16/28/WIOA-Desk-Reference-Dislocated-Worker-Programs>.

Registered Apprenticeship and the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)

Myth:

States have no role in notifying apprenticeship programs about their eligibility to be a training provider.

Fact:

As stated in the WIOA Final Rules, each State must notify those programs that are *Registered* Apprenticeships of their eligibility to be WIOA-funded training providers. Registered Apprenticeship programs interested in being on the ETPL should indicate their interest according to procedures established by the Governor. Not all apprenticeship programs within a State are registered. Apprenticeships that are not registered must follow the same process as other training providers seeking to be added to the ETP list.

For more information on the DOL Only, WIOA Final Rules, please see page 12:

<https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/Docs/wioa-regs-labor-final-rule.pdf>