

Youth Resource Connections

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is a monthly newsletter that provides information, resources, and tools to workforce professionals who work every day to impact the lives of youth and young adults.

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Headlines

ETA Announces the Availability of New Youth Program Elements Resource Pages. The Employment and Training Administration's Division of Youth Services created new Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Element resource pages for workforce professionals. The pages were developed to provide access to resources and tools to help workforce professionals successfully develop and implement the 14 program elements for the WIOA Youth program. To view the resource pages, visit:

<https://youth.cms.workforcegps.org/resources/2017/01/19/13/56/WIOA-Youth-Program-Element-Resources>.

DOL and ED Invite Comments on "WIOA Common Performance Reporting." The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Department of Education (ED) are soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request titled, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Common Performance Reporting." **Comments are due by March 7.** This notice is available in the [January 19](#) FEDERAL REGISTER.

Looking for more information and resources to support your youth program?



Visit the **Youth Connections Community of Practice** for the latest training, promising practices, and technical assistance tools.

<https://youth.workforcegps.org/>

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ETA Issues TEN on the Framework on Registered Apprenticeship for High School Students.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 31-16, which provides guidance from the U.S. Departments of Labor (DOL) and Education (ED) to the public workforce and education systems on the components of a high-quality Registered Apprenticeship (RA) program for high school students. The purpose of this framework is to provide recommendations on key elements of RA programs for high school students and to encourage greater use of RA and pre-apprenticeship programs for in-school youth at least 16 years old, enrolled in secondary schools.

HHS Publishes Final Rule on Runaway and Homeless Youth. The Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has published a [final rule](#) reflecting existing statutory requirements in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and changes made via the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008. More specifically, the rule establishes program performance standards for Runaway and Homeless Youth grantees providing services to eligible youth and their families.

HUD Awards \$33 Million to Help End Youth Homelessness in 10 Communities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is awarding \$33 million to build systems intended to end youth homelessness in ten local communities, including four rural areas. HUD's [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program \(YHDP\)](#) will support a wide range of housing programs including rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes.

ED Announces Six Promise Neighborhoods Winners of the 2016 Competition. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has recently announced the six winners of the 2016 Promise Neighborhoods competition, which will award \$33 million to help communities launch, scale, and sustain educational supports and community-based services to meet the complex needs of children and families.



Success Story

Career Pathways for Youth (Summer Jobs and Beyond)

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded grant funds to local workforce development boards to work with partners, including school districts and employers, to expand and enhance existing summer employment programs and work experiences throughout the year. To support these grantees, as well as all youth workforce

professionals, DOL developed a [NEW Summer Jobs and Beyond Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#) platform to provide information on summer and year-round employment strategies for youth. Through this COP, practitioners can discuss and share promising practices, access technical assistance tools, and share knowledge and expertise about youth workforce programming with each other and the eleven Career Pathways for Youth Grantees.

Interested in sharing a new practice or innovative approach that you're trying in your area?

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is interested in sharing strategies from across the country to promote peer learning and replication. If you would like to be considered for featuring in an upcoming newsletter, please email your organization, program name and brief description of the practice or approach to the ETA Division of Youth Services at: youth.services@dol.gov.

Funding & Other Opportunities

DOJ Announces Funding Opportunity Under “Smart on Juvenile Justice: Enhancing Youth Access to Justice” Initiative. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting applications for its “Smart on Juvenile Justice: Enhancing Youth Access to Justice” initiative. This program furthers the Department's mission by funding efforts that reduce recidivism and ensuring that children receive the guarantees of due process and equal protection. **Deadline: March 2.** [read more...](#)

NSF Announces Funding Opportunity. The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting applications for its science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)+C program. The program seeks to build evidence to inform development of new pedagogical strategies and pedagogical environments for integrating computing and computational thinking in the teaching and learning of pre-K-12 STEM, and/or to integrate science, mathematics, and engineering in the applied teaching and learning of computer science in pre-K-12 education. **Deadline: March 29.** [read more...](#)

Funding & Other Opportunities *(continued)*

SBA Announces Third Year of InnovateHER: Innovating for Women Challenge. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is conducting the third year of the InnovateHER: Innovating for Women Challenge, pursuant to the America Competes Act, for entrepreneurs to create a product or service that has a measurable impact on the lives of women and families, the potential for commercialization, and fills a need in the marketplace. **Deadline: April 29.** [read more...](#)

Barr Foundation Seeks Proposals for Innovative High School Programs. The [Barr Foundation](#) is seeking proposals for innovative public high school programs designed to help students who are off track graduate. The multiyear initiative will focus on improving secondary outcomes for New England youth in danger of not graduating through support for the promotion of promising public high school and program models that address the specific needs of those students. **Deadline: Planning-phase proposals must be received no later than February 15. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.** [read more...](#)

Kessler Foundation Accepting Ideas for EZ Innovation Employment Grant Program. The Kessler Foundation is inviting ideas for its new EZ Innovation Employment Grants Program, which supports non-traditional solutions that increase employment and career outcomes for New Jersey citizens with disabilities. **Deadline: Ideas must be submitted no later than February 24. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by April 2.** [read more...](#)

William T. Grant Foundation Invites Proposals for New York City Youth Service Improvement Grants. The William T. Grant Foundation seeks to improve the lives of youth between the ages of 4 and 25 by supporting small to medium-size organizations in the five boroughs of New York City that have already had some success but lack the funds to make needed improvements. **Deadline: March 10.** [read more...](#)

Braitmayer Foundation Seeks Proposals for Innovative K-12 Education Programs. The Braitmayer Foundation invites proposals from programs that use innovative practices in K-12 education in the United States. Priority will be given to curricular and school reform initiatives, as well as programs that prepare and provide professional development opportunities for teachers, particularly those which encourage people of high ability and diverse background to enter and remain in K-12 teaching. **Deadline: March 15.** [read more...](#)

Karma for Cara Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Microgrants. The Karma for Cara Foundation is accepting applications for its microgrant program. The program is designed to encourage kids 18 and under to apply for funds to complete service projects in their communities. **Deadline: April 1.** [read more...](#)

Funding & Other Opportunities *(continued)*

ESA Foundation Invites Proposals From Women for Computer, Video Game Scholarships.

The [Entertainment Software Association \(ESA\) Foundation](#) is seeking applications to a scholarship program designed to assist women and minority students who are pursuing degrees leading to a career in Computer & Video Game Arts. **Deadline: April 1.** [read more...](#)

Elaine Chapin Fund Invites Applications for 2017 Scholarship Program. The Elaine Chapin Fund is accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Fund. The program supports the postsecondary education of students affected by multiple sclerosis, either directly or as a family member. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of financial need, academic standing, and the degree to which multiple sclerosis has affected their lives. **Deadline: April 30.** [read more...](#)

Resources

CareerOneStop Launches GetMyFuture.org and new Career Videos. CareerOneStop launched [GetMyFuture.org](#), a mobile-friendly web portal connecting young adults to career, education, and job search resources. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, the site offers online tools and information for young adults age 16 to 24, and provides special resources for those experiencing barriers to success such as involvement in foster care, addiction, homelessness, teen parenting, or a lack of financial, family, or community resources. Find the newest additions at CareerOneStop's [New Career Videos](#). New videos are also available on O*NET's [My Next Move](#) and the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Year, New Career: 5 Tips for Changing Occupations. This article released in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Career Outlook, provides information on job-hunting and careers, including some very useful links to articles for students on resumes and cover letters. [read more...](#)

Guidance for Youth Decision Makers. This resource from Social and Emotional Learning Challenge partner, [Youth on Board](#), provides helpful tips and concepts that help young people to feel comfortable and prepared when they are in decision-making positions in organizations or schools. [read more...](#)

Vulnerable Youth: Employment and Job Training Programs. This report released by the Congressional Research Services provides an overview of federal employment programs for vulnerable young people. It begins with a discussion of the current challenges in preparing all youth today for the workforce. The report then provides a chronology of job training and employment programs for at-risk youth that began in the 1930s and were expanded or modified from the 1960s through the 1990s. [read more...](#)

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The Closure of Institutions of Higher Education: Student Options, Borrower Relief, and Implications. This report provides an explanation of the options a postsecondary student may pursue in the event the Institution of Higher Education he or she attends closes, any financial relief that may be available to such students and other practical implications for students following a school's closure. [read more...](#)

On February 9, the University of Minnesota Extension's Center for Youth Development will host an in-person and online event entitled: [Getting Intentional About Social and Emotional Learning: Promise, Progress and Priorities](#). The online event will conclude their social and emotional learning symposium series. For more information and to register for this event, visit: <https://www.selpractices.org/resource/getting-intentional-about-social-and-emotional-learning-promise-progress-and-priorities>.

Upcoming Events

March 14-15. Miami, FL. Evidence-Based Professionals Society's "[PATHWAYS](#)" for Human Services: Becoming an Evidence Based Professional & Organization Meeting.

March 29. Austin, TX. Forum for Youth Investment's [2017 Ready by 21 National Meeting](#).

May 22-24. New Orleans, LA. [National Association of Workforce Development Professionals 2017 Annual Conference](#).

June 19-23. Washington, DC. American Public Transportation Association [2017 Youth Summit](#).

June 20-21. Indianapolis, IN. Indiana Youth Institute's [2017 College and Career Conference](#).

June 29-30. Portland, ME. Positive Youth Development Institute and Collaborative for Perpetual Innovation's [Creating Positive Climates for Youth Conference](#).



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