

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 Publishes the Secretary's Annual LLSIL for 2022. The Employment and Training Administration within the U.S. Department of Labor has published a notice in the [April 6 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires the U.S. Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to update and publish the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) tables annually, for uses described in the law (including determining eligibility for youth). WIOA defines the term "low-income individual" as (inter alia) one whose total family annual income does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. This issuance provides the Secretary's annual LLSIL for 2022 and references the current 2022 Health and Human Services "Poverty Guidelines."

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



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DOL Issues Equity Action Plan Highlighting Progress, Continued Efforts to Ensure Access for All Workers. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published its [Equity Action Plan](#) in response to the Biden-Harris administration's [Executive Order 13985 on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities](#), issued in 2021. The order promotes a whole-of-government equity agenda that addresses systemic barriers to opportunities and benefits offered by the federal government. The plan summarizes the department's efforts to identify barriers to more equitable access to programs and services for underserved, marginalized and excluded communities and outlines the next steps for expanding access to those communities. It also serves as a roadmap to help those communities better understand the department's vision for advancing equity so that they can provide input and hold the department accountable for meaningful change. To view the press release, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osec/osec20220414>.

The Lifeline and 988 Launch. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022. To obtain additional information, visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline webpage at: https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988?utm_source=SAMHSA&utm_campaign=034d881437-SAMHSA_Announcement_2022_03_15_1600881&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ee1c4b138c-034d881437-168132401.

Goodwill Operation Achieve to Expand Workforce Development Efforts for Military Veterans and Spouses, and Youth and Young Adults. For more than 20 years, U.S. Army Veteran James Andrew Jackson had a goal of working in the healthcare field. Thanks to Goodwill and USAA, his dream is becoming a reality as he is now on the path to earning his medical assistant certification. Jackson is one of more than 500 people who is taking part in Operation Achieve, an initiative funded by USAA to support Black and Hispanic veterans and military spouses, as well as youth and young adult job seekers. At the time of enrollment in the program, job seekers develop an Individual Career and Financial Plan to support their journey to obtain skills, employment, and financial stability. The job seeker's plan is unique to their situation and encompasses a variety of areas, including skills training, wrap-around support, and job placement. In addition, some participants will also earn a post-secondary STEM credential in their field of choice. To obtain additional information, visit: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/goodwill-operation-achieve-to-expand-workforce-development-efforts-for-military-veterans-and-spouses-and-youth-and-young-adults-301526227.html>.

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Pennsylvania Governor Announces \$11 Million for 26 Apprenticeship Programs. Governor Tom Wolf today announced awards totaling more than \$11 million for 26 apprenticeship programs that will empower Pennsylvania workers to earn while they learn and support Pennsylvania businesses in building a pipeline of talent for occupations in agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, IT, education, human services, building trades and more. Each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties will be served by one or more of the funded programs. To obtain additional information and view the press release, visit: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-announces-11-million-in-workforce-development-funding-for-pasmart-apprenticeship-programs/>.

Build Your Future: Education, Training, and Career Opportunities for NYC Youth. How can storytelling change the future of work? [Roadtrip Nation](#), a Carnegie Corporation of New York grantee, is an Emmy award-winning media and workforce development nonprofit that digitally chronicles the lives of career professionals to empower youth through the sharing of knowledge and experience. With Corporation support, Roadtrip Nation has launched [Build Your Future](#), a New York City-focused community hub for exploring local careers and possible pathways for students and jobseekers. Through "day in the life" videos, a self-discovery course, interviews, resources, and more, the platform offers career advice and guidance from more than 200 diverse professionals across the city, including NYC-focused Corporation grantees [Here 2 Here](#) and [JobsFirstNYC](#), along with Roadtrip Nation's own resources. Featured individuals include the [CEO of Girl Scouts](#) of the USA, a [3D animator and designer](#), a [CNN anchor](#), a [backend software engineer at Spotify](#), and the [cofounder of a tech company](#), among many others. To obtain additional information, visit: <https://www.carnegie.org/our-work/article/build-your-future-education-training-and-career-opportunities-nyc-youth/>.

Featured Resources

AT YOUTHSOURCE

Andrew completed his GED not long after enrolling in WIOA in early 2020. While participating in the program, he learned workplace preparation skills and enrolled in community college. He is currently taking general education courses at Renton Technical College.

Christian completed his high school diploma through HS+ program shortly after enrolling in WIOA in the spring of 2021. Christian was initially doing a videography internship over the summer, but the pandemic brought it to an end sooner than expected.

Both students have a strong interest in careers in Computer Science. Because of this, their WIOA case manager enrolled them in Computing for All (CFA). CFA is a non-profit organization with the mission to help individuals who are underrepresented in the IT field learn skills that will make them employable to competitive tech employers. CFA offers students paid (stipend) hands on experience and training with web development, coding, and other immersive IT experiences in a completely remote real time work environment. CFA was a great fit for both of these students. So far, together with one other student, they built a website and game. The game and website are focused on youth mental health awareness. They have completed component two out of six and scheduled to start component three.

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

ASC Invites Applications for Afterschool Match Grant. America's Service Commissions (ASC) will award grants to state service commissions, statewide afterschool networks, or their designee to provide match funding for afterschool programs that are currently or will be leveraging national service resources in their state. [read more...](#) **Deadline: May 13.**

YSA Invites Applications for its Youth Service Zone Grants. Youth Service America (YSA) in partnership with AmeriCorps will award \$15,000 grants to ten organizations to support program activities that build partnerships and capacity to increase youth volunteer participation rates. Eligible applicants may work regionally or statewide and must be based in the United States. [read more...](#) **Deadline: May 20.**

DOJ Invites Applications for its FY 2022 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting applications for its fiscal year (FY) 2022 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by reducing recidivism among youth returning to their communities following confinement and under community supervision, while promoting the fair administration of justice and advancing public safety. Grant number: [O-OJJDP-2022-171234](#). **Deadline: May 17.**

YSA Invites Applications for its Afterschool Grants. Youth Service America (YSA) in partnership with the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will award grants of up to \$500 each to support youth-led service or service-learning opportunities in up to 60 afterschool programs. Applicants must be based in the United States. Applicants may work locally, regionally, or statewide. Afterschool coalitions or multi-site programs are encouraged to apply and may be eligible for multiple grants. [read more...](#) **Deadline: May 20.**

Chick-fil-A Invites Applications for its True Inspiration Awards. Chick-fil-A is accepting applications from organizations in the U.S. and Canada for its True Inspiration Awards grants. The grants are designed to celebrate and support nonprofit organizations making an impact in their local communities. Grants will range from \$30,000 to \$350,000. [read more...](#) **Deadline: May 20.**

DOJ Invites Applications for its FY 2022 Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse Grant. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting applications for its fiscal year (FY) 2022 Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse Grant program. The program furthers the DOJ's mission by supporting mentoring programs to reduce juvenile delinquency, drug misuse, and problem and high-risk behaviors such as truancy. [read more...](#) **Deadline: May 23.**

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AYPF and Samuel Halperin Family Invites Applications for Public Service Award. American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and the Samuel Halperin Family are accepting applications for the 2022 Samuel Halperin Youth Public Service Award. The award is designed to recognize youth ages 18 to 26 who demonstrate the spirit of and commitment to public service and who have faced and overcome barriers and challenges to success. Awardees could win a cash award of \$1,500 as well as have the opportunity to read an essay at an event attended by education, workforce, and youth policy leaders from across the nation. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 6.**

ED Invites Applications for its Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Program. The Office of Postsecondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has published a notice in the [April 5 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). The purpose of this program is to provide grants to eligible institutions of higher education to enable them to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students. Institutions may use these grants to plan, develop, or implement activities that strengthen the institution's services leading to student success. **Applications due: June 6.**

DOJ Invites Applications for its FY 2022 Protecting Futures: Building Capacity to Serve Children and Youth Impacted by America's Drug Crisis Grant. The Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Office of Justice Programs is accepting applications for its fiscal year (FY) 2022 Protecting Futures: Building Capacity to Serve Children and Youth Impacted by America's Drug Crisis Grant program. This program will provide funding to support an entity that will (1) competitively select and fund subawards to support direct services to children and youth who are crime victims impacted by the Nation's drug crisis, and (2) provide technical assistance to the selected subawardees. Grant number: [O-OVC-2022-171294](#). **Deadline: June 9.**

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USDA Announces Funding Opportunity under the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program. The Rural Business-Cooperative Service within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published a notice in the [April 14 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Eligible applicants include cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers. This program supports Rural Development's (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them. **Deadline: June 13.**

HHS Invites Applications for its Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) Grants. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting applications for its (FY) 2022 Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) grants. The grant program is designed to help reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse and its related problems by supporting the development and delivery of state and community substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion services. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, which may include but is not limited to states, territories, jurisdictions, communities, community-based organizations, federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 13.**

DOJ Invites Applications for its FY2022 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. The Bureau of Justice Assistance within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting applications for its FY2022 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. The initiative is designed to provide funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 21.**

DOJ Invites Applications for its FY22 Evaluation of OJP CVIPI Projects. The National Institute of Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting applications for its fiscal year (FY) 2022 Evaluation of Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Projects. This solicitation will fund outcome and impact evaluations of Expansion and Enhancement project sites, as defined under Categories 3 and 4 of the OJP solicitation FY 2022 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. [read more...](#) **Deadline: June 21.**

Resources

Second Chance Reentry Grants: DOJ Should Report Limitations When Publishing Performance Data. This [report](#) released by the Government Accountability Office (1) describes Second Chance Reauthorization Act grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) from fiscal years 2019 to 2020, (2) examines steps that DOJ is taking to evaluate the effectiveness of these grants, and (3) describes the reentry grant performance data that DOJ reported in products shared with external parties and assesses whether DOJ disclosed any limitations of the data.

ASPE Announces Availability of Compendium and Gap Map. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Announces the “[Reconnecting Youth: Putting Out of School, Out of Work Youth on a Path to Self-Sufficiency](#)” Compendium of Programs and Evidence Gap Map! Together these interactive tools can be used to inform a learning agenda for future work focused on reconnecting youth to school and work. The tools are described below:

The [Reconnecting Youth Compendium of Programs](#) allows users to explore 78 programs across the United States that are currently providing education and/or employment services to young people who are seeking to reconnect to school and/or advance on employment pathways.

The [Reconnecting Youth Evidence Gap Map](#) summarizes the available evidence about the practices used by programs to support these young people. The map provides information about what evidence currently exists and insights into where there are opportunities to build evidence, with detailed information about 60 studies.

Reconnecting Young People to School and Work: A Map of Evidence and Opportunities. This [report](#), released by MDRC is a companion to an online [evidence gap map](#), presents findings from an analysis of 60 studies of programs to support young people who experience disconnection from school and work during their transition to adulthood. The evidence gap map provides insights into what evidence exists and where there are opportunities to build evidence.

Responding to Young People, An Analysis of Programs Serving Young People Not Connected to School or Work. This [report](#) released by MDRC is a companion to an online [compendium](#), offers findings from a systematic analysis of programs supporting young people who experience disconnection from school and work during the transition to adulthood. It focuses on services to help them reconnect to education, obtain employment, and advance in the labor market.

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Implementation Lessons from a Pilot Career-Planning Partnership for Recent High School Graduates in Bridgeport, Connecticut. This [brief](#) released by MDRC examines Park City Career Pathways, a program aimed at addressing gaps in support for young people who are making the transition from high school to college and the workplace in a possible “COVID recession.” It offers lessons for other communities that may be interested in launching similar efforts.

Reconnecting Youth Website. This new website is supported by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It seeks to pull together in one location information about programs that support young people between the ages of 16 and 24 that are neither employed nor in school, and their practices and a repository of existing research. This website also includes two tools: a compendium of programs and an evidence gap map. To view the Website, visit: <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/opportunity-youth/reconnecting-youth?q=>.

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

May 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are teaming up to present a **FREE webinar series** on **Wednesdays** to celebrate **National Mental Health Awareness Month!** The webinars feature leading mental health and housing professionals from SAMHSA and HUD, as well as practitioners from their respective communities. This collaboration focuses on the mental health issues that our nation is facing in the post-pandemic world, plus issues specific to HUD's communities. To register for the webinars, visit: <https://mailchi.mp/health-emailupdates/save-the-date-hudsamhsa-national-mental-health-awareness-month-webinar-series?e=c1c4b8122f>.

On May 3rd, the Occupation Safety and Health Administration within the U.S. Department of Labor will host its last joint social media campaign “**#KeepTeenWorkersSafe**” on “Teen Tuesdays, to promote the workplace safety and health of teens who are employed or will be over the summer. This campaign is designed to reach teen workers, employers, parents, teachers, and other caring adults with information about workplace hazards, worker rights, and how to speak-up for safety. Individuals are asked to share your own social media posts using examples and imagery on the #KeepTeenWorkersSafe campaign website at: <https://keepteenworkerssafe.org/>

On May 12th, the Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth will host a webinar entitled: **State Strategies for Leveraging Specialty Care Services.** The webinar will highlight COVID-19's impact on mental health and share a new resource published by the Office of Disability Employment Policy. Attendees will learn how states can better utilize resources to provide specialty care services for young adults in mental health crisis. To register for the webinar, visit: https://csg-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Lhtnl0-ZQvWjbaltn5ivaw.

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Past Webinars/Webcasts

On April 28th, the Office of Apprenticeship hosted a webinar entitled: **Youth Apprenticeship Access and Success in Rural Communities**. The webinar focused on best practices and creative solutions for increasing pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship access, enrollment, retention, and program completion for young people in rural areas. Featured youth apprenticeship intermediaries and partners shared their accomplishments in developing youth apprenticeship opportunities in rural areas, establishing networks of support, and best utilizing available resources to ensure pre-and youth apprenticeship success. To view an archive of the webinar, visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2022/02/17/19/30/Youth-Apprenticeship-Access-and-Success-in-Rural-Communities>.

On April 20, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Connecting to the Public Workforce System: An Introduction for Youth Service Providers**. The webinar is an introductory overview of the public workforce system and the most common points of entry for youth and young adult-serving entities, designed for groups that are unfamiliar with the system. It is the first in a series of conversations that will more deeply illuminate specific points of entry, common requirements and processes, and useful resources for becoming successful members of the public workforce system. Attendees of this session learned the most common points of entry into the public workforce system for youth-serving organizations, were made aware of existing DOL funding opportunities, and provided a preview of opportunities for deeper learning over the coming months. To view an archive of the webinar, visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2022/04/06/12/58/Connecting-to-the-Public-Workforce-System-An-Introduction-for-Youth-Service-Providers>.

On March 22nd, the LEAD Center hosted a webinar entitled: **How Blended, Braided, or Sequenced Funding Can Help Drive Employment, Equity, and Inclusion**. This federal interagency webinar featured speakers from Arizona, Colorado and North Carolina discussing how their systems (including Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Education) successfully applied innovative, collaborative resource sharing to benefit both businesses and jobseekers with disabilities. To view an archive of the webinar, visit: <https://leadcenter.org/webinar/how-blended-braided-or-sequenced-funding-can-help-drive-employment-equity-and-inclusion/>.

Upcoming Events

April 29 - May 1. 34th Annual [Global Youth Service Day](#).

May 2022. [Mental Health Awareness Month](#).

May 2, 4, & 9. [Forum for Children's Well-Being's](#) Responding to the Current Youth Mental Health Crisis and Preventing the Next One: A Virtual Workshop.

May 19. [2022 Global Youth Economic Opportunities \(YEO\) Summit](#).

May 23-24. [Aspen Institute's Opportunity Youth Forum Cross-Site Convening](#).

June 2-3. National Youth Employment Coalition's [2022 All Youth Connecting Forum](#).



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