

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 issues Change 1 to Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 15-22: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2023; PY 2023 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program; and PY 2023 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published TEGL 15-22, Change 1, which provides information to outlying areas (American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Republic of Palau, and U.S. Virgin Islands) on submitting a single application for WIOA title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities program allotments for PY 2023. To view the TEGL click [here](#).

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ETA issues TEGL No. 28-22 - Partnering with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Agencies to Support Able-bodied Adults as the Public Health Emergency Ends. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 28-22. This TEGL encourages state, local, and community workforce development grantees to partner with agencies that administer SNAP to provide access to work and job training for individuals whose SNAP benefits are time limited. To view the TEGL click [here](#).

DOL Announces the Creation of the Registered Apprenticeship Academy. The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration's Office of Apprenticeship has created the [Registered Apprenticeship Academy](#), which aims to provide top-notch information, training, and resources to all those involved around the work of Registered Apprenticeship. This academy will offer a wide range of courses, webinars, and resources, which has been specifically designed to cater to the needs of Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, apprentices, state apprenticeship agency partners, and other stakeholders. To learn more about the academy click [here](#).

DOL Awards \$11.7M to Help Organizations Prepare Young People for the Workforce in Underserved Communities. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the award of \$11.7 million in grants to three organizations to support programs that help youth and young adults in communities affected by violence and poverty to prepare for career success in the labor market. Administered by the department's Employment and Training Administration, these Growth Opportunities Intermediary grants focus on teenagers from 15 to 18 years old and young adults from 18 to 24 years old who are affected by community violence and poverty. Funding supports local organizations that provide occupational training and jobs to prepare these young people for workplace success. The grants will also help the organizations offer supportive services, including leadership development, mentoring and conflict-resolution skills. To view the press release, click [here](#).

DOL Awards \$49.4M To 17 Organizations In 15 States to Provide Pre-, Post-Release Job Training, Services for Reentry Population. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the award of more than \$49.4 million in grants to 17 organizations in 15 states to provide training, employment and supportive services to adults reentering the workforce following incarceration in a local jail or state correctional facility. Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), the Pathway Home grants aim to close the gap between an adult's release from incarceration and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment. The grants will support efforts by local organizations to connect incarcerated people with providers of training and skills needed to obtain post-release jobs and comprehensive case management services to help them retain employment. Eligible adults are those whose release is scheduled within 20 to 270 days from the time they enroll with local organizations. To view the press release, click [here](#).

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DOL Welcomes Nominations for Members of The National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) [announced that it is seeking nominations](#) for members to serve on the [Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship](#) for the 2023-2025 term. Authorized by the National Apprenticeship Act, the committee advises the Secretary of Labor on ways to expand, modernize and diversify Registered Apprenticeship programs and provide equitable access for all workers to participate and succeed in the national apprenticeship system. The department's [Employment and Training Administration](#) will accept nominations for the national Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship until July 30, 2023. Members will be appointed to two- or three-year terms. To view the press release, click [here](#).
Deadline for nominations: July 30.

Disability and Philanthropy Forum Posts Podcast: All About Accessibility: A Conversation with Taryn Mackenzie Williams, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy. During the podcast the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy Assistant Secretary Taryn Williams speaks to host Emily Ladau about the importance and different dimensions of accessibility. They also discussed the essential role accessibility plays in creating a more equitable and inclusive society. To listen to the podcast, click [here](#).

The Biden-Harris Administration Takes Additional Actions to Address Mental Health Needs of Young People and Make Communities Safer from Gun Violence. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) took additional steps to advance the investments and efforts set forth by President Biden's Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) -- the most significant bipartisan gun safety legislation in nearly 30 years. BSCA set forth crucial mental health investments and actions to prevent and respond to gun violence in communities, ensure that those experiencing grief and trauma resulting from gun violence have access to high-quality mental health services, and supports to make our schools safer and expand community violence interventions. To view the press release, click [here](#).

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces State Allocations for \$42.45 Billion High-Speed Internet Grant Program as Part of Investing in America Agenda. The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced how it has allocated funding to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories to deploy affordable, reliable high-speed Internet service to everyone in America. This "Internet for All" initiative is a key component of President Biden's "Investing in America" agenda. States, D.C., and territories will use funding from the \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to administer grant programs within their borders. The President, Vice President, and Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the allocations at the White House. The BEAD funding will be used to deploy or upgrade broadband networks to ensure that everyone has access to reliable, affordable, high-speed Internet service. Once deployment goals are met, any remaining funding can be used to pursue eligible access-, adoption-, and equity-related uses. Details related to the allocation for the states, D.C., and territories are available on [InternetForAll.Gov](https://www.internetforall.gov). To view the press release, click [here](#).

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$930 Million to Expand and Strengthen America's High-Speed Internet Networks as Part of the Investing in America. The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced \$930,021,354.34 to expand middle mile high-speed Internet infrastructure across 35 states and Puerto Rico as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda. Under the Biden-Harris Administration's Internet for All Initiative, the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program invests in projects that build regional networks that connect to national Internet networks. To view the press release, click [here](#).

ED and Civic Nation Launch Nationwide Campaign to Help Students and Families Cut Costs and Access Affordable High-Speed Internet. Over 300 local and national organizations joined Civic Nation and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to launch [Online for All](#), a digital equity campaign working to close the digital divide by focusing on internet access, affordability, and equity for students, families, and all Americans. Online For All is kicking off today with a [Week of Action](#) to drive enrollment in the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#). The Week of Action brought together the federal government and over 300 organizations to raise awareness about the program and helped eligible families sign up. To view the press release, click [here](#).

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ED Seeks Comments on its National Reporting System for Adult Education. The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education within the U.S Department of Education (ED) published a request in the [June 21 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). ED is interested in public comment addressing the measuring educational gain in literacy tests in the National Reporting System for Adult Education. **Comments due: June 21.**

Pennsylvania's Shapiro Administration Welcomes College Students with Disabilities for Summer Internship Program at Commonwealth Agencies. The Shapiro Administration welcomed 25 college students who are participating in summer internships at Commonwealth agencies. The internships are through an educational and job training program established by the Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Office of Administration. It gives college students with disabilities the opportunity to gain work experience and in-demand skills within state government while having access to resources that support their career and independence goals. To obtain additional information, click [here](#).

AWS to Give 380,000 Students Access to Programs that Build Valuable Tech Skills and Forge Employer Connections. Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced a new initiative to boost career readiness for learners and modernize tech programs of study across 78 educational institutions, collectively serving more than 380,000 learners. The AWS Skills to Jobs Tech Alliance will bring together a coalition of Fortune 500 companies and other employers, government agencies around the world, workforce development organizations, and education leaders to address the skills gap in community college and university curricula, and better prepare learners for entry-level tech careers. The initiative, which will initially focus on five priority regions including Illinois, New York, and Washington, as well as Egypt and Spain, will soon scale to additional regions. To obtain additional information, click [here](#).

Indiana's New Education Model Is Creating Career Pathways That Work for Everyone. For the last few years, the idea of career and technical education is all in vogue. With modern day pathways and occupations that defy old-school training, the whole field has been ripe for a makeover. Traditionally, it's the high schools, community colleges and various other government agencies that get paid to offer work-based training and support. Meanwhile business and industry are moving at the speed of light, and offering relevant, desirable, and outcomes-based training for new skilled trades that isn't always available through traditional means. That's why Indiana's new [career and technical education scholarship account program](#) (CSA) is a very cool, 21st Century idea. It gives students freedom to make those decisions outside of having to rely solely on what the system delivers. Indiana appropriated \$5 million for 2024-25 and \$10 million the following to allow students in grades 10-12 to receive \$5,000 each year the account is active. The bill also creates additional support for career coaching and connections with employers. To obtain additional information, click [here](#).

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General Motors Donates \$300K to Michigan Nonprofit for Design Workforce Program. A youth talent development program launched three years ago is expanding with a \$300,000 grant from General Motors that will give Metro Detroit kids hands-on experience in design. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan (BGCSM) will launch the new Design Industry Club in July. To obtain additional information, click [here](#).

INROADS, PNC Foundation Announce \$1 Million Grant to Benefit Underrepresented Metro Detroit High School Students. INROADS and the PNC Foundation announced that the College Links program will expand to Metro Detroit this fall for the local launch of its successful blueprint designed to help prepare minority high school students for college and successful careers. Funded by a \$1 million grant from the PNC Foundation, INROADS will teach local students valuable leadership skills and provide professional development opportunities, while addressing the racial and wealth gap in the United States. To obtain additional information click [here](#).

Featured Programs

Delaware Workforce Development Board - Jobs for Delaware Graduates

K'Zyiah, a JDG BC DOL student attended Middletown High School and just graduated this past May. K'Zyiah expressed her interest in Pediatric Physical Therapy. She has always wanted to be a Physical Therapist and she loves children, so what better way to combine what she loves and aspires to be in her future. K'Zyiah was offered a paid work experience opportunity provided by JDG and immediately knew she wanted to work at a physical therapy office. She was also offered an internship at PIVOT Physical Therapy in Middletown, where she interned May 2022 until September 2022. K'Zyiah had expressed interest in college after her internship and would begin looking but did not have the resources or information to get enrolled. A student Outreach Coordinator offered guidance and transportation, and a week before classes began at Del Tech Community College, K'Zyiah was enrolled into the Physical Therapy program. She is now a full-time student and plans to transfer to a four-year college and receive her bachelor's degree. K'Zyiah is currently being assisted by JDG in finding a part or full-time job depending on her schedule at a Pediatric Physical Therapy office and possibly another paid work experience to assist her with her future career and education goals.

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

Afterschool Alliance Invites Applications for its 2023 Lights on Afterschool Poster Contest.

Afterschool Alliance is accepting youth art for its Lights On poster contest. Artwork submissions should represent and celebrate the spirit of afterschool, including murals, paintings, graphic designs, or drawings! Winners will receive \$500 for their programs. [read more...](#) **Deadline: July 10.**

HHS Invites Applications for its Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for its Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training- Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (BHWET-CAY) Program. The purpose of the BHWET-CAY Program is to increase the supply and distribution of behavioral health providers in rural and underserved communities to address the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, and young adults (ages 16-25). The BHWET-CAY Program aims to address specific bottlenecks in recruiting and training behavioral health professionals including by providing stipends to support trainees during their clinical/experiential training and by increasing the supply of and training for clinical supervisors overseeing trainees. Grant number: [HRSA-23-131](#). **Deadline: July 14.**

Morgan Stanley Alliance Invites Applications for its Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards.

The Morgan Stanley Alliance will award five \$100,000 grants for game-changing mental health care solutions for children and young adults. U.S.-based nonprofits are invited to submit innovative program ideas. [read more...](#) **Deadline: July 14.**

DoSomething Invites Applications for its Notes on Freedom Scholarship. DoSomething is accepting applications for its Notes of Freedom Scholarship. This scholarship is designed for youth 13-25 years old in the United States to creatively reflect on what a free and liberated community looks like to them. Awardees will receive \$1,000 scholarship. [read more...](#)

Deadline: July 31.

DoSomething Invites Applications for its Louder Than Ever Scholarship. DoSomething is accepting applications for its Louder Than Ever Scholarship for youth ages 13-25 years old in the U.S. The scholarship helps youth by learning about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning, asexual plus experience, learning and sharing with other young people about how to be an effective ally, and holding leaders accountable for their actions, we can protect the safety and belonging of everyone. [read more...](#) **Deadline: July 31.**

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Social Shifters Invites Applications for its Global Innovation Challenge. Social Shifters is accepting applications for its Global Innovation Challenge. The challenge will provide cash awards of up to \$10,000 to applicants for creative ideas, projects, and business solutions to the problems that matter most to them and their community. [read more...](#) **Deadline: August 20.**

Last Mile Education Fund Invites Applications for its Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program. The [Last Mile Education Fund](#) is accepting applications for its Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program. The scholarship program supports community college degree and industry certificate completion through financial assistance (up to \$500) and subsidies for cybersecurity certification exam costs (up to \$375). Financial assistance is intended to cover short-term basic needs, such as food, rent, health-related, transportation/car issues, and/or a laptop/device. [read more...](#) **Deadline: Summer 2023.**

Last Mile Education Fund Invites Application from College Students for Scholarship Programs. The [Last Mile Education Fund](#) offers a range of scholarships to low-income students at two and four-year institutions in the U.S. in STEM pathways to fill critical financial gaps for students pursuing tech and engineering degrees. To identify available specific funding opportunities of interest, check out their [funding webpage](#). **Deadline: Summer 2023.**

ED Invites Applications for its Full-Service Community Schools Programs. The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) is accepting applications for its Full-Service Community Schools program. This program provides support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including high-poverty rural schools. [read more...](#) **Deadline: August 8.**

EPA Invites Applications for its National Environmental Youth Advisory Council. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a request in the [June 22 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). EPA is invites applications from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). Nominations will be accepted from a variety of sectors including but not limited to representatives from business and industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, and local, county, and tribal governments. **Deadline for nominations: August 22.**

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HUD Invites Applications for its Indian Community Development Block Grants. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is accepting applications for its Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. The ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low-and moderate-incomes. Grant number: [FR-6700-N-23](#). **Deadline: September 5.**

Library of Congress Launches Video Game Challenge for Civic Engagement. The Library of Congress is calling on video game developers to create fun and lightweight video games related to civics that incorporate Library resources. This challenge is part of an effort to improve public knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of American citizens. Winning video game entries, to be announced early next year, will receive \$35,000 in cash prizes. [Read more...](#) **Deadline: November 27.**

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Exploring Summer Youth Employment Programs: Increasing Access Through Career Pathways. This [publication](#) released by State Leaders Connecting to Work, Education Strategy Group, and New Skills Ready Network builds the case and provides actionable recommendations for state-led support in the intentional alignment of summer youth employment programs with career pathways and the work-based learning continuum, including through Career Technical Education.

Social Media and Youth Mental Health. This [advisory](#) released by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services describes the current evidence on the impacts of social media on the mental health of children and adolescents. It states that we cannot conclude social media is sufficiently safe for children and outlines steps we can take to mitigate the risk of harm to children and adolescents.

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School Enrollment in the United States: 2021. This [report](#) released by the United States Census Bureau provides a comprehensive picture of the state of school enrollment using recently published data from the American Community Survey. It outlines modern enrollment trends while also offering comparisons to past levels of enrollment. More specifically, this report covers the time of the COVID-19 pandemic that was characterized by school closures, expanded remote learning, and decisions to delay school enrollment from both schools and families. Specific attention is paid to two levels of schooling that saw notable shifts from 2019 to 2021 - preschool enrollment and college enrollment - and the report examined whether certain demographic groups or geographic areas were more impacted than others.

Advancing Pre-Apprenticeship Programming Through National Service. This [report](#) created by Jobs for the Future, Next100, and Service Year Alliance elevates strategies and promising practices to support national service programs interested in aligning their models with pre-apprenticeship training.

Transitioning to Adulthood: Building Better Interventions for Youth with Disabilities. This [resource](#) released by Mathematica focuses on youth with disabilities and the unique challenges they face that affect their employment prospects as they become adults. It also looks at how this is a singular time in their lives when better interventions could make longstanding impacts and narrow the educational and employment attainment gap between youth with and without disabilities.

4 Ways States and Localities Are Improving Employment Outcomes for Reentering Young Adults. This [report](#) released by Center for American Progress highlights how states have modeled four key actions to ensure a transition toward stability for formerly incarcerated youth.

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On July 11th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host a monthly Q&A session with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Youth Services (DYS) entitled: **Ask Away with the U.S Department of Labor.** During the Q&A session the DYS team will be there to answer questions attendees might have on policy, performance metrics, eligibility, waivers, and more. To register for the session, click [here](#).

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On July 11th, the Central East Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network in partnership with the National Center for School Mental Health will host a webinar entitled: **Seeing Ourselves Alongside (not Beyond) Our LGBTQ+ Students: Self-Aware Frameworks for Inclusivity**. This webinar is part of a webinar series with a focus on advancing high quality, sustainable school mental health from a multi-tiered system of support, trauma sensitive, and culturally responsive and equitable lens. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

On July 16th the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion and Job Accommodation Network will host a webinar entitled: **Creating a Disability-Inclusive Workforce – The Role of Accommodations**. To celebrate the anniversaries of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehab Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion and the Job Accommodation Network will discuss the significance of accommodations in achieving the goals of the Rehab Act and the ADA and how they contribute to creating inclusive workplaces. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

On July 19th, the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion and the Job Accommodation Network will host a webinar entitled: **In Case You Missed It: Creating a Disability-Inclusive Workforce – The Role of Accommodations Webinar**. The webinar will include a discussion on the significance of accommodations in achieving the goals of the Rehab Act and the ADA and how they contribute to creating inclusive workplaces. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Past Webinars/Webcasts

On June 13th the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Breaking Barriers for Returning Citizens: Yes, WIOA Can!** During the webinar presenters discussed innovative strategies on ways to engage and support Returning Citizens to return to the workforce, including highlighting programs which assist with the challenges they experience and offer the support required for success. Presenters also spoke from a national basis on re-entry as well as highlighted state and local programs that helped prepare the population pre-release. Outreach strategies was also covered that engaged Returning Citizens post-release to ensure quality jobs are obtained, in turn, reducing recidivism. To view an archive of the webinar, click [here](#).

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On May 31st the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **The Impacts of Opioid Addiction on the Rural Workforce**. The webinar brought together presenters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the First Tennessee Development District and its partners to provide resources, promising practices, and grant opportunities to rural workforce systems, employers, and business on supporting recovery efforts in the workplace. To view an archive of the webinar, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

August 1-3. Environmental Action Civics [Educator Workshop](#).

September 12-14. Washington, DC. National Youth Employment Coalition's [Youth Days in D.C.](#)

October 15-18. Orlando, FL. National Dropout Prevention Center's [33rd Annual National Dropout Prevention Conference](#).



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