

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 TEGL 04-23 – Requirements for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plans for Program Years (PY) 2024 – 2027. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 04-23. This guidance conveys to states the Administration's priorities, State Plan requirements, submission process, and deadline for WIOA Unified and Combined State Plans (State Plans) for PY 2024 through 2027, consistent with WIOA Sections 102 and 103. To read the TEGL, click [here](#).

Biden-Harris Administration Awards More Than \$13 Million to Improve Access to Child Care for Student Parents. The Biden-Harris Administration announced more than \$13 million in grants to 34 institutions of higher education to support or establish high quality, campus-based childcare programs to meet the needs of student parents with low incomes enrolled on their campuses. To view the press release, click [here](#).

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$11 Million to Expand and Support Parent Education and Family Engagement Efforts. The Biden-Harris Administration announced \$11.4 million in grants to 12 organizations in states and school districts across the country to improve and strengthen family engagement programs. This investment builds on the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) "[Raising the Bar for Parent Partnership in Our Schools](#)" efforts to engage parents, family members, caregivers, or advocates. To date, the current program has awarded nearly \$83 million to expand and support parent and family engagement. To view the press release, click [here](#).

The Biden-Harris Administration Announces Technical Assistance Centers to Accelerate Learning and Support Student Wellbeing. The U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced technical assistance centers to support state and local efforts to support and enhance student wellbeing, academic success, and school safety. These centers further the Department's commitment to accelerate learning, meet students' mental health needs, and expand academic opportunity and success inside and outside of the regular school day. To view the press release, click [here](#).

DOC Invites Comments on its Initiative to Protect Youth Mental Health, Safety & Privacy Online. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) has published a notice in the [October 2 FEDERAL REGISTER](#). This request seeks broad input and feedback from stakeholders on current and emerging risks of health (including mental health), safety, and privacy harms to minors arising from use of online platforms. This request also seeks information about potential health, safety and privacy benefits stemming from minors' use of online platforms. Additionally, the request seeks input on current and future industry efforts to mitigate harms and promote the health, safety and well-being of minors who access these online platforms. **Comments due: November 16.**

HHS Issues Take Action for Adolescents: A Call to Action for Adolescent Health and Well-Being. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued [Take Action for Adolescents: A Call to Action for Adolescent Health and Well-Being](#) a new effort to promote collaboration and spur action to improve the health and well-being of adolescents across the U.S. This resource outlines a vision, key principles, eight goals, and a set of initial action steps. It is research-based and was developed with extensive input from adult and youth allies and partners, including nationally recognized adolescent health experts. It is also accompanied by a Take Action Toolkit with tips and resources to spur collaboration in states and communities. To view the press release, click [here](#).

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HUD Announces \$212 Million Funding Opportunity to Expand Affordable Housing Options for Persons with Disabilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Multifamily Housing announced that \$212 million in funding is available to expand the supply of affordable housing and supportive services for very-low and extremely-low-income persons with disabilities. The funding is available to participants in the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, which helps develop, subsidize, and provide supportive services for rental housing to meet the needs of this vulnerable population. To view the press release, click [here](#).

Shapiro Administration to Invest Nearly \$10 Million In Transition Services for PA Students with Disabilities. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's (L&I) Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) recently announced a \$9.9 million federal grant the Shapiro Administration will invest in improvements to pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities who are preparing for life after high school. The Pathways to Partnership model demonstration project will improve the collaboration of the many organizations involved in helping high school students achieve their goals as they prepare for post-secondary education and employment. This grant funding will be used to develop and pilot a new transition model that will provide students with more comprehensive transition planning services. The model will also identify new opportunities for teens to gain valuable work-based learning experiences and support the development of the skills and knowledge they need to achieve their post-graduation goals. To view the press release, click [here](#).

Featured Programs

Anne Arundel Workforce Development Center (AAWDC)

Emily was referred to PA CareerLink in February 2022 after being without work for over a year. She was registered as an Out of School Youth (OSY) in the WIOA Youth program. She attended Occupational Foundation Classes, which helped her with time management, budgeting, communication, and goal setting. Other training included understanding employer expectations, work ethics, civics, and financial literacy all of which helped her to prepare for her new OSY work experience program in a local business office. Throughout her participation in the work experience program, she completed several Skill Up Metrix modules on topics related to navigating the workplace post-pandemic, Microsoft excel and decision making. Emily's work experience program provided her the opportunity to develop confidence and learn new skills in a professional business office. She was able to apply what she learned and secured a full-time position with the help of the On-the-Job Training program (OJT). Emily is now employed full time with the Huntingdon County Treasurers office.

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

Sodexo Stop the Hunger Foundation Invites Applications for its Scholarship Program. The Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation is accepting applications for its Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship program. The program recognizes student ages 5 to 25 who are using their creativity, academic studies (like STEM), and organizational skills to help fight hunger in their communities. Awardees will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their hunger-related charity of their choice. [read more...](#) **Deadline: December 5.**

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Baltimore Community Foundation Invites Applications for the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle Grants. The Baltimore Community Foundation is accepting applications for its Baltimore Women's Giving Circle Grants program. Through the program, grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that serve women and their families in Baltimore City and/or Baltimore County to live healthy, safe, and productive lives. Grants will also focus on assisting those who are economically disadvantaged. Eligible applicants must be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or have a fiscal agent with such status. [read more...](#) **Deadline: December 15.**

H2O for Life PPG Announces Mini-Grant. H2O for Life, in partnership with PPG will award grants up to \$500 to schools for teachers and students to use as "Start-Up Funds" for their H2O for Life service-learning project that will meet a fundraising goal of at least the amount of the grant. [read more...](#) **Deadline: Rolling.**

Resources

People with Disabilities and the Good Jobs Principles Factsheet. This [fact sheet](#) developed by The LEAD Center gives employers a brief overview of the Good Jobs Initiative and the Good Jobs Principles and how they can impact competitive integrated employment for disabled people. In addition, the factsheet provides resources to help employers hire, accommodate and retain people with disabilities.

Keep Students Engaged in Out-of-School Time. This [white paper](#) published by the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, discusses some of the actionable recommendations from the Engage Every Student Initiative and explore different categories of Out-of-School Time programs to help educators make more-informed decisions and keep students engaged.

Debt in America: An Interactive Map. This [map](#) released by the Urban Institute, has been updated to better understand young adults' financial health. The data tool now displays state-level data for medical, credit card, student loan, and auto and retail debt for young adults.

Equity Toolkit. This [toolkit](#) released by Achieving the Dream (ATD) provides comprehensive research, tools, and resources to help college teams design and operationalize equity-centered approaches to all aspects of the college's work as well as provides lessons learned from ATD Network colleges that have successfully increased student outcomes and eliminated equity gaps.

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Pathways To Impact: Service-Learning as A Catalyst for State Afterschool Networks Report Released. This [report](#) released by the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), draws from their work with 14 members of the 50 State Afterschool Network and sheds light on the transformative power of service-learning as a strategy for engaging youth in afterschool programs across the country.

Varying Levels of SUCCESS. This [report](#) released by MDRC highlights The Scaling Up College Completion Efforts for Student Success (SUCCESS) program which aims to improve college completion rates for traditionally underserved students at community and broad-access colleges. The report provides updated insight into the SUCCESS program after one year of participation and explores the implementation changes necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Using the Family First Act to Grow and Nurture Support Systems for Families of Young Children. This new [report](#) released by Child Trends examines the current state of child maltreatment prevention and family well-being promotion efforts for families with infants and toddlers.

Social Influencers of Health and Education Needs Assessment: A Pathway for School Health and Mental Health Professionals. This [resource](#) released by the National Center for School Mental Health, the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, and the School-Based Health Alliance offers a "pathway" guide, with tools and practical strategies, for identifying root causes of identified or emerging problems.

State Responses to Youth Mental Health Needs. A [series of briefs](#) from the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) explores how states are establishing youth-specific crisis receiving and stabilization facilities to assess, stabilize, and connect youth to appropriate services.

Moving Beyond Change Efforts: Evidence and Action to Support and Affirm LGBTQI+ Youth. This [report](#) released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides behavioral health providers, researchers, policymakers, and other audiences with current knowledge about LGBTQI+ youth, a comprehensive research overview, and important information on behavioral health concerns within this community.

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Time Out Youth Center (TOYC). This organization provides a place where LGBTQIA+ youth can experience a sense of belonging and community. TYOC also offers a safe space for all and fully respects the journey of each individual. To learn more about this organization, click [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On November 9th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host a workshop entitled: **The Trauma Informed Organization Part 2: Best Practices for Youth Workers.** The workshop will build on part one and will discuss behaviors that adults working with young people can engage in that are trauma-informed and designed to support young people. Additionally, during the workshop presenters will discuss how helping relationships can go awry, mimicking, usually unintentionally, the types of abusive relationships that young people have experienced. Lastly, this workshop will have ample room for application and time for participants to think about any necessary changes to be made in their organizations. To register for the workshop, click [here](#).

On November 14th, 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](#).

On November 16th, the Women's Bureau within the U.S. Department of Labor will host a webinar entitled: **Young Women in Apprenticeship: Starting Early on the Road to High Pay.** The webinar will focus on creating access to good-paying jobs for youth and young adult women. It will highlight the importance of educating young women on the advantages of apprenticeship, feature programs and training opportunities, discuss recruitment strategies and share information on Department of Labor apprenticeship programs. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

On November 30th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host a workshop entitled: **Creating the Road Map: A Guide to Supporting Opportunity Youth with Driving.** The workshop will explore Maine's collaborative approach to driving for Opportunity Youth and offers ideas on how to incorporate best practices from across the country. Audience members will walk away with a step-by-step approach of how they can integrate these applied strategies into their own organizations and ways of supporting young people when it comes to access to driving. To register for the workshop, click [here](#).

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The Innocent Justice Foundation (IJF) will host a webinar series entitled: **Shielding Your Well-Being: Post-Traumatic Growth**. This series will examine transformational meaning and its role in trauma recovery and post-traumatic growth. The first presentation will discuss post-traumatic growth and transformational meaning and identify tools and techniques to mitigate the adverse effects on individuals in the workplace and personal lives. The series schedule is noted below. To register for the webinars, click [here](#).

November 9th, webinar: Worry and Anxiety.

December 12th, webinar: Post-Traumatic Growth

January 3, 2024, webinar: Shielding Your Well-Being: Transformational Meaning

On December 14th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host a workshop entitled: **Promoting Workforce Development for Youth with Justice Involvement**. The workshop will provide the audience a deep understanding of the findings of a report released by NYEC in partnership with the Urban Institute, learn from best practices and service providers in this space, and gain knowledge that could help improve their own programming efforts. To register for the workshop, click [here](#).

Past Webinars/Webcasts

October 19th, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Effective Communication and Access for Job Seekers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**. The webinar featured a presentation of best practices, resources, and technology available at the American Job Centers for job seekers who are deaf or hard of hearing. To view an archive of the webinar, click [here](#).

On October 10th, the Department of Labor hosted a webinar entitled: **Using CareerOneStop to Help HBCU Students Explore Careers, Choose Majors, and Job Search**. This webinar introduced individuals to the U.S. Department of Labor website CareerOneStop and the tools and resources it offers to help students explore careers, choose majors, and prepare for job search after graduation. To view an archive of the webinar, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

November. [National Adoption Month.](#)

November 6-8. Las Vegas, NV. National Association of Workforce Development Professionals' [2023 Youth Symposium.](#)

November 13-19. [9th Annual National Apprenticeship Week.](#)

November 15-16. Washington, D.C. National Governors Association Center Hosting [Cybersecurity Credentialing & Education Pathways Forum.](#)

April 3-6, 2024. Saint Paul, MN. [The National Service-Learning Conference - From Passion to Action.](#)



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