

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 10-16, Change 3 – Performance Accountability Guidance for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Core Programs. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-16, Change 3. This guidance updates Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-16, Change 2, published September 15, 2022, and developed jointly by the U.S. Departments of Labor (DOL) and Education (ED). Within ED, the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) will update Program Memorandum (PM) 17-2 and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will update Technical Assistance Circular (TAC) 17-01 to be consistent with the changes reflected herein. To read the TEGL, [click here](#).

DOL Announces \$45M in Funds Available to Improve Employment Opportunities for Young People Affected by Violence, Poverty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$45 million in funding to support programs to provide skills training through work-based learning, employment services, educational support and mentorship to young adults, ages 15 to 24, in communities affected by violence, crime and poverty. To view the press release, [click here](#). To obtain additional information, check out **Grant number: [FOA-ETA-24-06](#)**. **Deadline: October 15.**

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DOL Announces \$99M in Available Funding to Deliver Education, Occupational Skills Training, Job Services to Young People. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$99 million in funding to support the delivery of pre-apprenticeships in high-demand industries including construction, clean energy, healthcare, infrastructure, information technology and hospitality. The [YouthBuild Program](#) grants provide academic support, occupational skills training and employment services to young people, ages 16 to 24, in communities where they face persistent barriers to academic and career skills development. To view the press release, [click here](#). **Grant number: [FOA-ETA-24-53](#). Deadline: September 15.**

U.S. Department of Labor Awards up to \$13.9 Million to Fund Pilot Programs to Deliver Info-Technology, Training, Job Services to Job Corps Students. The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of up to \$3.9 million in funding to Management and Training Corp. and up to \$9.9 million to the Net America Corp. to support demonstration projects that provide information technology training and employment services to students at Job Corps centers in the Atlanta and San Francisco regions. Managed by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), the two Job Corps Information Technology Academy demonstration projects will enable recipients to test new approaches for Job Corps IT-focused training and employment services. Award recipients will begin training this summer and provide students with 48 months of career technical training and up to 12 months of employment counseling after separation from the academy at nine Job Corps centers. [Learn more about the Job Corps Program](#). To view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL Announces Availability of \$65 Million in Grants to Help Community Colleges Improve Access to Affordable, High-Quality Training. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$65 million in funding to support programs that help community colleges scale affordable, high-quality workforce training that meets employers' and workers' skill development needs in critical industry sectors, such as advanced manufacturing, clean energy, semiconductors and biotechnology. To view the press release, [click here](#). **Grant number: [FOA-ETA-24-23](#). Deadline: September 24.**

DOL Posts Blog: Business Ownership, Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Among People with Disabilities. The Department of Labor (DOL) released this [blog](#) which highlights how Small businesses are the engine of the American economy. They employ just under half of all U.S. workers and comprise more than 99% of businesses. Both small-business ownership and self-employment are important avenues to economic empowerment, particularly for people with disabilities. For many disabled workers, entrepreneurship allows greater access, freedom and flexibility at work. By owning their own business, people with disabilities may not only reduce or eliminate barriers in the workplace, but also maintain independence and economic stability within their communities.

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Biden-Harris Administration Awards Over \$244M to Modernize, Diversify, Expand Registered Apprenticeships in Growing Industries. The Biden-Harris administration is making the largest combined federal investment in Registered Apprenticeships as the Department of Labor awards more than \$244 million through two grant programs to help modernize, diversify and expand the Registered Apprenticeship system in growing U.S. industries. The investments are part of the Biden-Harris administration's Investing in America agenda, which is rebuilding the middle class and increasing opportunities for underrepresented populations to enter in-demand occupations and careers that offer family-supporting wages. Acting Secretary Julie Su and White House Domestic Policy Advisor Neera Tanden announced the historic investments in Registered Apprenticeships today at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. To view the press release, [click here](#).

ED Posts Blog: Education Announces nearly \$25 Million for Promise Neighborhoods Funding. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) released a [blog](#) highlighting the Promise Neighborhoods grant program which helps realize this vision by providing grant funding to address the many impacts that concentrated poverty has on a child's education. ED announced \$18 million in implementation grants to expand partnerships to better meet the comprehensive needs of underserved communities. The Department plans to make up to three grant awards, for up to \$6,000,000 each, for this new round of funding. The Department will also be awarding an additional \$6 million for extension grants.

ED Seeks Comments for its FSA Partner Connect System and User Access Management. The Department of Education's (ED) Federal Student Aid (FSA) has published the [July 30 Federal Register](#). This notice is soliciting comments addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. **Comments due: September 30.**

Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Hosts Commerce's National Youth Summit 2.0. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, held the National Youth Summit 2.0 in Washington, DC. Secretary Raimondo, Deputy Secretary Graves, Acting Under Secretary Morrisette, and President and CEO of BGCGW Gabrielle Webster led the event with keynote remarks emphasizing the Administration's commitment to celebrating, empowering, and uplifting youth from communities nationwide. Portions of the summit are available for viewing via recorded [live stream](#).

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U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Convene Private Sector, Non-Profit and Philanthropic Leaders for First-of-its-Kind National Child Care Innovation Summit. The U.S. Department of Commerce co-hosted, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a first-of-its-kind National Child Care Innovation Summit. The event brought together hundreds of key public- and private-sector stakeholders from more than 40 states to discuss the vital role of childcare as economic infrastructure and work towards accessible, affordable, and high-quality childcare. The program highlighted and explored childcare solutions during a series of panels, including creative care models and policies, emerging employer approaches, and public-private partnerships that can help address the childcare crisis. To view the press release, [click here](#).

Colorado Governor Jared Polis Elected Chair of National Governors Association, launches “Educating All Americans for Success” Initiative. Colorado Governor Jared Polis was elected Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA) — the voice of the leaders of 55 states, territories and commonwealths dedicated to leading bipartisan solutions. Governor Polis announced his Chair’s Initiative, [Let’s Get Ready: Educating All Americans for Success](#). The initiative is designed to support Governors and states to drive innovation, bolster capacity to measure what works and what doesn’t, and prepare students for successful futures and the economy for greater success. Working with educators, parents and families, students, researchers, and community and business leaders, the initiative will address challenges like workforce shortages, skills mismatch and widening opportunity gaps that limit true economic mobility for Americans. Click here to view the [press release](#).

ASA and JFF Partner to Create New Center to Help Gen Z Navigate High-Quality Postsecondary Education and Career Options. The American Student Assistance® (ASA) announced a \$25 million award to Jobs for the Future (JFF). This multiyear investment will underpin a strategic partnership to create the ASA Center for Career Navigation at JFF and support JFF’s North Star goal. The new center will empower young people, ages 16-24, to better understand and navigate quality education and career pathways after high school by providing access to resources and opportunities that will lead them to meaningful, quality jobs. Click here to view the [press release](#).

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

SAFE Invites Applications for K-12 Teacher Grants. The Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) is accepting applications for its K-12 Classroom Teacher Grant program. Through the program, four grants of \$250 each will be awarded to K-12 teachers to incorporate aviation-themed lessons into the normal curriculum. An individual teacher or a group of teachers from the same school may apply to design an aviation-themed classroom unit or complete an aviation-themed project. For example, a SAFE grant could be used to pay for a bus and admission fees for students visiting an aviation museum, take a field trip to the local airport, buy materials to build a balsa wood glider or model rocket, or fund another type of project with an aviation or aerospace theme. Any credentialed teacher in a public, private, or charter school or group of teachers from the same school is eligible to apply. Local STEM coordinators and homeschooling cooperatives may also apply. [read more](#). **Deadline: August 11.**

Glenn W. Bailey Foundation invites Applications for its New STEM Initiatives. The Glenn W. Bailey Foundation (GWB) is accepting for its New STEM Initiatives. The initiatives are designed to provide seed and continuation funding for organizations seeking programmatic funding for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education at all levels. The foundation is interested in enhancing the excitement for STEM in the classroom by funding STEM subjects and activities related to implementing high-quality curriculum and activities and promoting and supporting students interested in STEM fields and careers. [read more](#). **Deadline: November 6.**

HHS Announces Forecast Notice for its RRTC on Employment Policy Grant. The Administration for Community Living within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be accepting applications for its Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Employment Policy Grant. This grant is designed conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to new knowledge regarding the effect of public policies and programs on employment outcomes among people with disabilities. **Grant number: [HHS-2025-ACL-NIDILRR-STEM-0125](#). Deadline: April 24, 2025.**

Resources

Careers in Trade. The [eBook](#) released by the National Institute for Work and Learning is an interactive tool that will guide users through numerous trade-related career pathways. Users will be provided the opportunity to explore careers in trade, various certification options, an insight into the roles and responsibilities of multiple careers in trade, and connection activities bridging academics and trades.

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Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations.

This policy [report](#) published by the U.S. Department of Education addresses the clear need for sharing knowledge, engaging educators, and refining technology plans and policies for artificial intelligence (AI) use in education. The report also describes AI as a rapidly-advancing set of technologies for recognizing patterns in data and automating actions, and guides educators in understanding what these emerging technologies can do to advance educational goals—while evaluating and limiting key risks.

Designing for Education with Artificial Intelligence: An Essential Guide for Developers.

This [guide](#) seeks to inform product leads and their teams of innovators, designers, developers, customer-facing staff, and legal teams as they work toward safety, security, and trust while creating AI products and services for use in education. This landscape is broader than those building large language models (LLMs) or deploying chatbots; it includes all the ways existing and emerging AI capabilities can be used to further shared educational goals.

Evidence Snapshot: Occupational and Sectoral Training.

This [Evidence Snapshot](#) summarizes what rigorous research talks about 23 interventions that used occupational and sectoral training as an approach to providing services to clients and the interventions' impacts on earnings, employment, the receipt of public benefits, and education and training.

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On August 8th the Women's Bureau in the U.S. Department of Labor will host a webinar entitled: **Workplace Protections for Working Mothers.** This webinar aims to educate working mothers, advocates, and employers about rights, resources and avenues for support under current labor laws and policies. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

On September 19th, the Employment and Training Administration will host a webinar entitled: **CareerOneStop: Expand Training Options for Your Customers.** During the webinar attendees will learn about CareerOneStop's five essential tools for finding training opportunities for their customers. The webinar will feature the expanded Local Training Finder that now allows individuals to search all Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible training programs in every state; these include short-term, publicly accessible job training programs for livable wage, in-demand jobs. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

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Past Webinars/Webcasts

On July 10th the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **A Review of TEN 23-23 on Quality Pre-apprenticeships**. This webinar provided a brief overview of the scope and characteristics of quality pre-apprenticeship programs as explained in Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 23-23. The webinar also featured presentations from well-regarded practitioners who shared their experiences and recommendations for strengthening linkages between pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship. To view and archive of the webinar, [click here](#).

On June 27th, NASWA (National Association of State Workforce Agencies) hosted a webinar entitled: **Mastering Digital Transformation (dX): Generative Artificial Intelligence Applied to Transforming Workforce System Services**. This monthly webinar series which runs from February through August explores critical roles and skills public workforce leaders need to champion digital innovation in service delivery while mitigating potential risks. To view and archive of the webinar, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

September 9-12. Washington, DC. 2024 Global Youth Economic Opportunities (GYEO) [Summit](#).

September 9-14. Chicago, IL. International Manufacturing Technology Show's 20204 [Smartforce Student Summit](#).

September 12-13. Washington, DC. NYEC's Annual [Youth Days](#). The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) will be hosting its annual [Youth Days](#) from September 12-13, where practitioners, advocates, and young people will come together in Washington, DC to advocate for opportunity youth at the federal level! This year's event features a dynamic blend of virtual preparation and in-person engagement. Whether you are new to policy and advocacy or a seasoned advocate, you will not want to miss this event! More details, including virtual preparation session descriptions and dates and a detailed agenda for the in-person event, can be found on the NYEC [webpage](#).



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