

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. Click here to read the [TEGL](#).

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ETA Issues TEGL 16-23 - Program Year (PY) 2024 Funding Allotments and Application Instructions for the WIOA Section 166 INA Programs Grantees. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 16-23. This guidance provides WIOA Section 166 INA Program grantees with Comprehensive Services Program (CSP) and Supplemental Youth Services Program (SYSP) funding allotments for PY 2024. Click here to read the [TEGL](#).

DOL Seeks Comments for its Performance Accountability, Information, and Reporting. The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published the [June 20 Federal Register](#). This notice is soliciting comments concerning a [June 20, 2024 proposed PRA revision](#) for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "DOL-only Performance Accountability, Information, and Reporting." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). **Comments due: August 19.**

Biden-Harris Administration Awards More Than \$44 Million to Improve Postsecondary Education Access and Completion for Rural Students. The U.S. Department of Education announced more than \$44.5 million for 22 grants under the Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development (RPED) program to improve rates of postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion among rural students through the development of high-quality career pathways aligned to high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand industry sectors and occupations in the region. Click here to view the [press release](#).

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 child care as economic infrastructure and work towards accessible, affordable, and high-quality child care. The program highlighted and explored child care solutions during a series of panels, including creative care models and policies, emerging employer approaches, and public-private partnerships that can help address the child care crisis. Click here to view the [press release](#).

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ED Announces 2024 Engage Every Student Recognition Program Champions. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced the 2024 U.S. Department of Education Engage Every Student Recognition Program Champions. Across the country, 13 non-profit organizations and city municipalities, working in partnership with local schools, are being honored for their efforts to expand access to high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs for students. The summit will convene youth, state, and local school leaders; state and city elected officials; afterschool and summer learning program providers; and advocates. It will also showcase bright spots and their impacts in out-of-school time and provide attendees with an array of opportunities for learning, exploration, and networking. Click here to view the [press release](#).

ED Announces Updated List of Approved "Ability-to-Benefit" and Passing Scores. The Office of Postsecondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has published the [June 14 Federal Register](#). This notice announced the publication of an [updated list of approved "Ability-to-Benefit \(ATB\)" and Passing Scores](#). The list is updated to reflect revisions to the list of approved ATB tests and passing scores that was published in the [November 9, 2020 Federal Register](#). In order for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent to be eligible for title IV program assistance, the student must successfully complete one of the ATB alternatives and be enrolled in an eligible career pathway program (ECPP) pursuant to [section 484\(d\)\(1\) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended \(HEA\)](#).

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. Click here to view the full [blog](#).

Social Security Administration Updates Occupations List Used in Disability Evaluation Process. Social Security administers disability benefits through two programs: the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. While the agency's disability decision process remains sound, it continually seeks improvements to ensure its disability programs remain current and to ease the burden on customers. In determining disability claims for adults, Social Security may have to evaluate whether a person can adjust to other work that exists in significant numbers in the national economy. To make this determination, the agency considers a person's capacity to do work-related activities, as well as consider their age, education, and work experience. Click here to view the [press release](#).

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HHS Seeks Input on Scientific Information Being Collected on Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Mental Health and Wellbeing in Children and Adolescents. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced it is seeking scientific information submissions from the public. Scientific information is being solicited to inform our review on Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Mental Health and Wellbeing in Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Review, which is currently being conducted by AHRQ's Evidence-based Practice Centers Program. Access to published and unpublished pertinent scientific information will improve the quality of this review. Click here to obtain additional [information](#). Submissions are due on or before August 1, 2024.

National Conference of State Legislatures Announces Creating Career Pathways by Connecting Colleges and Workforce Systems. With over [40 million](#) Americans completing college credit without earning a degree and more than [2.2 million](#) adults seeking employment, state public higher education systems and institutions are more closely integrating workforce development goals into their missions. Community colleges perform a key role by providing degrees and credentials aligned to workforce needs, and state policymakers continue to support these goals through [adjustments to state financial aid](#) programs and [expansion of career-ready programs](#). Recent state actions to address workforce development include [aligning and integrating workforce systems](#), supporting [nondegree credentials](#) and creating so-called one-door models for workforce and social services. Click here to obtain additional [information](#).

Feeding America Announces the Availability of Summer Food Service Programs. Feeding America is providing information and resources to individuals and organizations who serve children during the summer through its Summer Food Service programs. The programs are designed to provide free meals for kids and teens up to 18 when school is out in June, July, and August. Kids and teens can just show up during the scheduled meal hours and receive a free meal. Some summer programs provide breakfast and lunch as well. Additionally, there may also be summer activities or learning programs available during mealtimes. Recipients do not need to fill out paperwork or show proof of income to participate in the programs. [read more...](#)

Pluralsight One Commits Over \$3 Million to Strategic Nonprofit Partners to Expand Access to Technology Skills Around the Globe. [Pluralsight](#), the technology workforce development company, announced that its social impact organization, Pluralsight One, is providing over \$2 million in immediate cash grants to existing nonprofit partners and over \$1 million in immediate cash grants to four new partners: Girls Who Code, LaunchCode, Npower, and CodePath.org. Additionally, Pluralsight has provided product grants totaling approximately 5,000 free Pluralsight Skills licenses to new partners. The grants will support nonprofit partners as they meet the rapidly evolving needs of the communities they serve. Existing Pluralsight One strategic partners that are receiving additional grants include the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Year Up, Malala Fund, Code.org, and the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA). Click here to view the [press release](#).

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WGU Labs Invests in Daivergent to Enhance Workforce Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities. Western Governors University (WGU) Labs, the research, development, and investment arm of Western Governors University, announced an investment in [Daivergent](#), the first fully remote, Medicaid-approved job coaching platform for individuals living with physical or cognitive disabilities. By highlighting the gap between education and meaningful employment for these individuals, this investment aims to support a more inclusive and diverse workforce. WGU Labs and Daivergent will partner to analyze the current state of educational and workforce opportunities for populations covered by vocational rehabilitation and Medicaid waivers. Their joint work will explore critical areas such as market size, employment readiness infrastructure, access to benefits, program outcomes, and economic impact. 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

YSA Invites Applications for its Afterschool Service-Learning Experience Program. Youth Service America is accepting applications for its Afterschool Service-Learning Experience Program. This program will help 75 afterschool professionals enhance their skills in engaging youth in meaningful service-learning projects with a free online service-learning course through Arizona State University, a \$100 stipend, and a \$200 project grant. [read more...](#) **Deadline: July 21.**

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ED Invites Applications for its Promise Neighborhoods (PN) Program. The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has published the [June 27 Federal Register](#). This notice announced its plan to invest \$4,000,000 in a projected 4 to 5 awards under the [Promise Network program](#). The program is designed to improve the academic and outcomes of children and youth living in the most distressed communities of the United States, including ensuring school readiness, high school graduation, and access to a community-based continuum of high-quality services. **Deadline: July 29.**

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: July 31.**

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 2024.**

ED Announces Two Funding Opportunities. The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the U.S. Department of Education has published the [June 17 Federal Register](#). This notice announces the availability of funding for two new grant awards 1) From Seedlings to Scale Grant Program and 2) Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice. The research grant programs are designed to provide interested individuals and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all learners. The interested individuals include parents, educators, learners, researchers, and policymakers. In carrying out its grant programs, IES provides support for programs of research in areas of demonstrated national need. Eligible applicants under both competitions are organizations that have the demonstrated ability and capacity to conduct rigorous research and development which include but are not limited to, institutions of higher education and non-profit, for-profit, public, or private entities. **Deadline: August 15.**

HUD Invites Applications for its Youth Homeless Demonstration Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is accepting applications for its Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP). The YHDP program is designed to support selected communities, including rural, suburban, and urban areas across the United States, in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Grant number: [FR-6800-N-35](#). **Deadline: August 29.**

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YSA Announces its We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants. Youth Service America (YSA) accepting applications for its [We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants](#). The grants will award up to 100 grants of \$1,000 each to organizations, schools, and youth changemakers—aged 5 to 25—to lead service projects on or around September 11, 2024. [read more...](#) **Deadline: Rolling.**

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: Rolling Basis.**

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Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship Field-Building. This [report](#) released by Jobs for the Future profile offers an in-depth look at the model Career Launch Chicago is developing, with examples of structures and approaches that other intermediaries and apprenticeship providers could apply to their own programs. It also offers recommendations of ways to scale youth apprenticeship by better integrating education and workforce systems.

In Our Own Voices. This [report](#) released by the Center for Expanding Leadership Opportunity highlights 13 associate editors representing various ages, service backgrounds, and regions across the United States brought together to elevate the voices of young people who change their communities, and our world, by serving others.

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Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On July 24th, the Aspen Institute will host a webinar entitled: **Tapping into Worker Voice to Improve Job Quality: Lessons from the Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) Network**. During the webinar participants will hear from two members of the TPM network — the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation Workforce Center and the Kalamazoo Literacy Council — about how they have tapped into worker voice and worked with employers to drive job quality improvements. Additionally, this event is part of the Economic Opportunities Program's Job Quality in Practice series, which examines the strategies and approaches practitioners are using to improve job quality and expand economic opportunity. Click here to register for the [webinar](#).

On July 25th the Employment and Training Administration will host a webinar entitled: **Career Coaching "Train the Trainer" Cohort: Trauma Informed Care**. This webinar is part of an exclusive "Train the Trainer" cohort, aiming to enhance the skills and expertise of workforce development supervisors who manage career coaches within American Job Centers. Click here to register for the [webinar](#).

On July 25th the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) will host a webinar entitled: **Building Sustainable Collaborations to End Youth Homelessness**. During the webinar the speaker will discuss critical insights from NYEC's community of practice, focusing on the essential collaboration between housing and workforce sectors. The speaker will also present actionable recommendations for communities to better support young people experiencing homelessness. Click here to register for the [webinar](#).

On July 25th, the Center for Digital Government and IBM will begin a three-part webinar series entitled: **Get Ready for Takeoff -- Piloting GenAI in State and Local Governments: Government Technology**. The webinar series will feature industry experts who will go over findings from the research and report on the pulse of GenAI in government. This event will offer attendees a unique opportunity to discover how state and local leaders are navigating policy development, data governance, security concerns, and AI implementation. Click here to register for the [webinar series](#).

September 26th, the National Youth Employment Coalition will host a workshop entitled: **Social Capital Building for Youth Career Success**. During the workshop participants will explore strategies for building and leveraging social capital to enhance career development and access opportunities. Key topics include understanding social capital, accessing hidden job markets, the role of mentors, building a supportive professional network, effective networking activities, the role of educational institutions, and leveraging social media platforms like LinkedIn. The workshop also aims to equip young people with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate career complexities and gain valuable opportunities. Click here to register for the [workshop](#).

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Past Webinars/Webcasts

On June 20th, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Reentry Supportive Services: Housing**. This webinar provided an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Reentry housing initiatives and support services designed to assist individuals transitioning from incarceration to stable housing and successful reintegration into their communities. Click here to view an archive of the [webinar](#).

On June 20th, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Career Coaching "Train the Trainer" Cohort: Digital Tools for Career Coaches**. The webinar is part of an exclusive "Train the Trainer" cohort, aimed to enhance the skills and expertise of workforce development supervisors who manage career coaches within American Job Centers. Click here to view an archive of the [webinar](#).

On June 11th, the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Career Coaching "Train the Trainer" Cohort: Brain Science- Helping Clients GROW and Learn**. During the webinar the presenter unpacked the connection between learning and coaching and provided tips to develop multiculturally competent coaches. Click here to view an archive of the [webinar](#).

Upcoming Events

July 12. The King Center's [Be Love Day](#).

July 22-23. Washington, DC. Jobs for the Future's Annual Conference: [Horizon - The Power of Us](#).

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](#).

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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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