

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 12-23 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2024; PY 2024 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program; and PY 2024 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States and Outlying Areas. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 12-23. This notice provides information to states and outlying areas on WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities program allotments for PY 2024; PY 2024 allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act ES Program, as required by section 6(b)(5) of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended; and the allotments of Workforce Information Grants to states for PY 2024. To read the TEGL, [click here](#).

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DOL Announces Availability of \$40M In Grants to Out-Of-School Time Organizations to Improve Access to Good Jobs for Underserved Youth. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced up to \$40 million in grants available for national out-of-school time organizations to expand local work-based learning opportunities, job training and career pathways for underserved youth during non-school hours. The Workforce Pathways for Youth demonstration grants will help these organizations partner with state or locally operated affiliate organizations that serve historically marginalized and underserved youth, ages 14 to 21. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL Announces Approximately \$35M in Additional Funding Available for 2nd Round of Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grants. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of approximately \$35 million in funding through the second round of [Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs grants](#) to prepare workers for the good-paying infrastructure jobs being created by the Biden-Harris administration's "Investing in America" agenda. Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), the grants enable public-private partnerships to develop, implement and scale worker-centered programs that train people for in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, information technology and professional, scientific and technical service occupations. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL's Job Corps to Highlight Importance of Mental Health, Combatting Violence, Drug Use During Youth 2 Youth Week 2024. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced that Job Corps centers across the nation hosted events and other activities from May 20-24. The events promoted positive mental health and created supportive environments where students discussed their mental health issues and sought solutions. Coinciding with May's designation as Mental Health Awareness month, Job Corps centers hosted these events during Youth 2 Youth (Y2Y) Week 2024, which focused on Job Corps' student led Y2Y initiative that seeks to combat violence and drug use and support mental health on campuses. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL Announces 'Access to Good Jobs for All' As National Disability Employment Awareness Month's 2024 Theme. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced that its Office of Disability Employment Policy has chosen "Access to Good Jobs for All" as the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), which will be observed in October. NDEAM annually celebrates the contributions of the nation's disabled workers and showcases supportive, inclusive policies and practices that benefit employees and employers alike. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

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DOL Celebrated Benefits of Registered Apprenticeships as Valuable Pathway to Good Jobs During First Youth Apprenticeship Week. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced that the nation celebrated the benefits of Registered Apprenticeships and the opportunities they created for youth and young adults with 320 special events and more than 70 proclamations were scheduled across the U.S. to mark the first annual Youth Apprenticeship Week from May 5-11. Built on the success of [National Apprenticeship Week](#), Youth Apprenticeship Week gave employers, unions, educators, state agencies, workforce partners, community-based organizations and other Registered Apprenticeship sponsors the opportunity to showcase their programs and successes in youth apprenticeships. The annual commemoration also offered youth apprentices a platform on which they shared their apprenticeship experiences and educated the public about the benefits of local youth apprenticeship programs. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL Awards \$98M in Grants to Support Training, Employment Services to Young People, Increase Apprenticeships in High-Demand Careers. The Department of Labor (DOL) announced the award of \$98 million in grants to 72 organizations in 30 states and Guam to provide training and employment services in an ongoing effort to expand access to apprenticeship opportunities, prepare young workers for quality jobs and strengthen the nation's workforce to meet industry demands. The department prioritized proposals that align training with local infrastructure projects funded by the Biden-Harris administration's [Investing in America](#) agenda. These [YouthBuild Program](#) grants range from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million each and will support pre-apprenticeships to educate and train young people, ages 16-24, who are neither enrolled in school or now in the labor market, for jobs in construction and other high-demand industries. YouthBuild grants will help deliver education and training to enable participants to build or rehabilitate affordable housing in their communities for people in need. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#).

DOL Announces \$12 Million in Additional Funding Available to Improve Job Quality, Expand Access to Good Jobs in Critical Industries. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$12 million in additional funds to improve job quality and increase the availability of good jobs in critical industries, including an emphasis on training provided for jobs in the care economy such as home, elder and childcare. This second round of Critical Sectors Job Quality grants responds to the increased demand for workers in industries essential to a revitalized economy but who have historically been in low-wage jobs with fewer benefits, less worker protections and greater instability. To obtain additional information and view the press release, [click here](#). Grant number: [FOA-ETA-23-13](#). **Deadline: July 17.**

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Eleven States Launch New Initiative to Address America's Youth Mental Health Crisis. In response to America's youth mental health crisis, 11 states are joining forces with AmeriCorps, the Schultz Family Foundation and Pinterest to recruit, train and deploy the nation's first [Youth Mental Health Corps](#) to help teenagers access critical mental health resources. The new Youth Mental Health Corps is an innovative, public-private collaboration, with a robust set of partners that include America's Service Commissions, America Forward and the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. The Corps will address the growing needs of young people while creating career pathways to address the national shortage of mental-health professionals. AmeriCorps members will be trained as navigators serving middle and high school students in schools and in community-based organizations. To view the press release, [click here](#).

SAMHSA Announces Winners of FentAlert Challenge During Launch of National Prevention Week. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the winners of the [FentAlert Challenge](#), which sought innovative ideas from U.S. youth, aged 14-18, to develop a community strategy to educate their peers about fentanyl and fake pills — and prevent drug overdose deaths. The Challenge supports primary prevention efforts prioritized in the [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Overdose Prevention Strategy](#), a key element of the Biden-Harris Administration's Unity Agenda's focus on beating the opioid crisis. The Challenge received almost 200 entries from across the country. To obtain additional information, [click here](#).

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$46.8 Million in Behavioral Health Funding Opportunities to Advance President Biden's Unity Agenda as Part of May Mental Health Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced \$46.8 million in notices of funding opportunities to promote youth mental health, grow the behavioral health workforce, improve access to culturally competent behavioral care across the country, and strengthen peer recovery and recovery support. President Biden made tackling the mental health crisis and beating the opioid epidemic key pillars in his Unity Agenda for the nation. To view the press release, [click here](#).

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HHS Announces Final Rule on Designated Placement Requirements Under Titles IV-E and IV-B for LGBTQI+ Children. The Children's Bureau (CB); Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF); Administration for Children and Families (ACF); within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has published the [April 30 Federal Register](#). This rule finalizes requirements under titles IV-E and IV-B for children in foster care who are LGBTQI+ (an umbrella term used in this regulation). The proposed rule was published on September 28, 2023. Federal law requires that state and tribal title IV-E and IV-B agencies ("agencies") ensure that each child in foster care receives "safe and proper" care and has a case plan that addresses the specific needs of the child while in foster care to support their health and wellbeing. To meet these and other related statutory requirements, this final rule requires agencies to ensure that placements for all children are free from harassment, mistreatment, and abuse. The final rule requires that title IV-E and IV-B agencies ensure a Designated Placement is available for all children who identify as LGBTQI+ and specifies the Designated Placement requirements.

National Center for College Students with Disabilities Seeks Comments on its Database of Disability Services and Activities in Higher Education. The National Center for College Students with Disabilities has published the [May 24 Federal Register](#). This notice is soliciting comments to address 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: June 24.**

ED Seeks Comments on its U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The Office of Communication and Outreach (OCO) within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has published the [May 24 Federal](#). 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. **Comment due June 24.**

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ED Deploys Federal Personnel, Funding, and Resources to Support Colleges, Students, and Families with Better FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) released a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) College Support Strategy to provide additional personnel, funding, resources, and technology to help schools and students complete the better FAFSA form and to help colleges prepare to process student records as quickly and accurately as possible. The Department's top priority is to ensure students can access the maximum financial aid possible to help them pursue their higher education goals and bring college in reach for more Americans. To view the press release, [click here](#).

AmeriCorps Announces Publication of Final Rule to Provide Programmatic and Grantmaking Flexibilities. The Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) has published the [May 28 Federal Register](#). This notice published revisions to its regulations governing the AmeriCorps State and National program to provide programmatic and grantmaking flexibilities while protecting program integrity and safeguarding taxpayer funds. The regulations become effective on **October 1, 2024**.

National College and Career Pathways Initiative Launch Expands to 14 States with a New Investment from Salesforce. Advance CTE, Education Strategy Group (ESG), ExcelinEd, Jobs for the Future (JFF), and New America announced the expansion of [Launch: Equitable & Accelerated Pathways for All](#) with the addition of three teams from Maryland, Massachusetts, and Virginia thanks to the generous support of a new initiative funder, Salesforce. The purpose of Launch is to build the capacity of state and local sites to lead equitable, sustainable systems for career pathways. To that end, Launch creates dedicated time, space, and support for local and state leaders to reimagine policy, partnerships, and systems that influence how students transition from high school to college and careers. To view the press release, [click here](#).

Featured Resource and Event

WIOA Youth Program Highlights and Success Stories Region 2

Caden Price is a Region 6 YouthReady Participant. Caden has dreamed of being a Barber since the age of 13. When he turned 18, he utilized Region 6 WIOA funding and enrolled in Sharp as an Errol Barber School in Morgantown, WV. He traveled two hours a day to get to training. He received support services to help cover cost of traveling and out of pocket expenses of training supplies. Upon graduation and obtainment of Barber License he fulfilled his dream of opening his own Barber Shop in his hometown of Philippi, WV. He is currently the only Barber Shop in the community. The town held a ribbon cutting ceremony for him on January 17, 2023, to celebrate his opening.

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 Afterschool Poster Contest. Afterschool Alliance is accepting application for its Afterschool Poster Contest. The contest is looking for any artwork that represents the spirit of afterschool programs. Winning artwork will be featured on 50,000 posters and artist will receive a \$500 prize. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 15.**

YSA Invites Applications for its We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants. Youth Service America (YSA) is accepting applications for its We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants. The grants are designed for organizations, schools, and youth changemakers—aged 5 to 25—to lead service projects on or around September 11, 2024. Programming efforts should also honor and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, their families, and those who rose in service in response to that tragedy. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 23.**

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DOJ Invites Applications for its Multistate Mentoring Programs Initiative. The Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) seeks to fund mentoring organizations to enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth who are at risk or high risk for delinquency, victimization, and juvenile justice system involvement. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 24.**

ED Invites Applications for its Comprehensive Centers Program. The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has published the [May 13 Federal Register](#). This notice announced the availability of \$46,153,544 to invest in the Comprehensive Centers Program and priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria under the Comprehensive Centers Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.283B. ED has established these priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria to help ensure that Comprehensive Centers provide high-quality capacity-building services to State, regional, Tribal, and local educational agencies and schools that improve educational opportunities and outcomes, close achievement gaps, and improve the quality of instruction for all students. **Deadline: June 24.**

Pearl Milling Company Invites Applications for its P.E.A.R.L. Pledge Grant. The [Pearl Milling Company](#) is accepting applications for its 2024 P.E.A.R.L. Pledge grant program. This multi-year program is designed to championing the empowerment and success of Black women and girls across America. The program is based on five key pillars: Prosperity, Empowerment, Access, Representation, and Leadership. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations may be nominated or apply for the opportunity. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 26.**

APA Invites applications for Diversity and Inclusiveness. The [American Philosophical Association](#) (APA) invites applications for its Diversity and Inclusiveness Grant Program. The program will make available up to \$20,000 in fiscal year 2025 to fund one or two projects aiming to increase the presence and participation of women, racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ people, people with disabilities, people of low socioeconomic status, and other underrepresented groups at all levels of philosophy. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 30.**

Funding & Other Opportunities *(continued)*

Dammann Fund Announces Funding Opportunity for Programs that Provide Mental Health and Teen Parenting Services. The [Dammann Fund](#) invites applications from organizations to support programs that enable the development of parenting skills in young parents and those that foster independent living skills for the mentally ill. Eligible applicants must be a publicly supported charitable organization—not a private foundation within section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code—and provide programs within the fund's service areas of New York City, southwestern Connecticut, Westchester County, and Charlottesville, Virginia. [read more](#). **Deadline: June 30.**

Detwiler Family Foundation invites Applications for Efforts to Support Children. The [Detwiler Family Foundation](#) is accepting applications from organizations for its grants program. Grant awards will range between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to support organizations that can demonstrate an impact on children dealing with issues such as health, welfare, security, and financial hardship. Eligible organizations must be in the Pennsylvania counties of Chester or Montgomery; Atlanta, Georgia; Flathead County, Montana, the Upper Valley Region in Vermont/New Hampshire; or Portland, Oregon. Applicants must also be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements also are eligible to apply. [read more](#). **Deadline: July 1.**

Morgan Stanley Foundation Invites Applications for its Innovation Awards Program. The [Morgan Stanley Foundation](#) is accepting applications for its [Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards](#) program. The program aims to fund transformative mental healthcare solutions for children across the United States while addressing the lack of investment in youth mental health, connecting innovative ideas with capital, and building capacity for nonprofits. Five winners will receive grants of \$100,000 to test and scale their innovative work, as well as leadership training from industry experts. Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. [read more](#). **Deadline: July 8.**

Community Foundation of Louisville Invites Applications from Organizations Serving LGBTQ+ Youth. The [Community Foundation of Louisville](#) is accepting applications for the Charles & Jack Fund for LGBTQ+ Advancement. This grant opportunity aims to meet the unique needs of queer youth and advance the work of organizations that are supporting this population. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded in support of organizations that are committed to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and affirming environment for LGBTQ+ youth. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (or charitable projects that are fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization). [read more](#). **Deadline: July 10.**

Funding & Other Opportunities *(continued)*

DOD Announces Cooperative Agreement Funding Opportunity. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) within the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) intends to enter into a nationwide cooperative agreement with a nonprofit organization for training and education services relating to natural resources conservation and outdoor recreation management. Funds for this agreement are intended to provide young adults and veterans with real life work experiences in stewardship of the environment in the 43 states where USACE Civil Works projects are located, by offering opportunities for education, leadership, and personal development to the Recipient's participants, while providing a high-quality public service in natural resources/recreation management and conservation. Grant number: [W9126G-24-2-FOA-1659](#).
Deadline: July 16.

NSF Invites Applications for its National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program. The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting applications for its National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to elevate the profession of STEM teaching by establishing a National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program to recognize outstanding STEM teachers in our Nation's classrooms, reward them for their accomplishments, elevate their public profile, and create rewarding career paths to which all STEM teachers can aspire, both to prepare future STEM researchers and to create a scientifically literate public. Grant number: [NSF 24-577](#).
Deadline: August 20.

Resources

Accommodations Toolkit. This interactive [toolkit](#) released by the National Center on Educational Outcomes summarizes academic research literature and policy analyses on specific accommodations for students with disabilities. The resource is organized by learner accommodation and contains a research fact sheet for each accommodation.

Tools to Employ and Support Interveners. This [webpage](#) developed by the National Center on Deafblindness provides detailed information about the roles, responsibilities, and positive impact of interveners. Intervenors provide consistent one-on-one support to help students who are deafblind gain access to information and communication and facilitate the development of their social and emotional well-being. The webpage also shares intervener employment tools and materials and highlights training and certification programs.

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. This [program](#) supported by Ready Kids is a national program of volunteers trained in disaster preparedness and emergency response. Through Teen CERT, students can serve their community and help take care of school and home.

KnoPro. This [platform](#) powered by NAF is a free virtual resource designed to help high school students develop in-demand employability skills, gain real-world experience with support from industry mentors, and boost their resumes and college applications.

Internship Supervisor Resource Hub. This [platform](#) was created by NAF for and in collaboration with industry professionals who are supervising high school interns. It provides access to resources, which include items such as on onboarding checklist, email templates, project plan template, and more, are free and publicly accessible.

Upcoming Webinars/Webcasts

On June 18th the Employment and Training Administration will host a webinar entitled: **Rural Outreach Strategies: Connecting Workers and Employers to the Workforce System.** The webinar will feature two real-world solutions: the use of mobile units, and the use of virtual job fairs. Hear from South Carolina and Massachusetts about their successful implementation of their unique strategies. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

On June 20th the Employment and Training Administration will host a webinar entitled: **Career Coaching "Train the Trainer" Cohort: Digital Tools for Career Coaches.** 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. To register for the webinar [click here](#).

Past Webinars/Webcasts

On May 30th the Employment and Training Administration hosted a webinar entitled: **Career Coaching "Train the Trainer" Cohort: Resources for Career Assessments.** This webinar session 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. To view an archive of the webinar, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

July 6-10. University of Connecticut School of Social Work [Innovations Institute](#).

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 [here](#)!



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