

Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling

WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth program includes 14 program elements, which are required to be made available in each local area. The program elements outline a vision for supporting youth and young adults through an integrated service delivery system. This brief includes related information in the Act, the regulations, and guidance for this program element.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act

Section 129 (c)(2)(J): comprehensive guidance and counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral, as appropriate

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Relevant Regulations

§ 681.510 What is comprehensive guidance and counseling?

Comprehensive guidance and counseling provides individualized counseling to participants. This includes drug and alcohol abuse counseling, mental health counseling, and referral to partner programs, as appropriate. When referring participants to necessary counseling that cannot be provided by the local youth program or its service providers, the local youth program must coordinate with the organization it refers to in order to ensure continuity of service.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Relevant Guidance

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Program Element 10: comprehensive guidance and counseling Follow-up services

Including the language in [20 CFR § 681.500](#) of the Final Rule, [TEGL 21-16](#) additionally stated:

When resources exist within the local program or its service providers, it is allowable to provide counseling services directly to participants rather than refer youth to partner programs.



Resources

- [Youth Mental Health Resource Guide](#)

For additional resources on the program element, please visit: [WorkforceGPS - Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling](#).

