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## **Youth Standing Committee**

**Monday, March 9, 2020 9:30 am – 10:00 am**

**Members Present:** Steve Eidson, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work; Sue Fusco, Community Action, Inc.; Loretta Lininger, IU9; Linda Thompson, McKean County Housing and Development  
**Board Members Present:** Chris Palmer, OVR  
**Staff Present:** Pam Streich  
**Guests:** Blythe Brunner, PA CareerLink® Title I

**Topics Discussed** –Review of Committee Purpose, WIOA Title I Report, OVR Update, RAMP Mentoring Grant

**Committee Purpose:** To provide information and to assist with planning, the operational oversight, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth.

**WIOA Title I Report** – Blythe Brunner, PA CL Title I attended the meeting and reviewed the WIOA and TANF Youth Development Report – the report is attached. The report provides a summary of the number of youth being served in ISY, OSY and TANF programs, the barriers being addressed, work experience sites, expenditures and success stories. The report also provides an overview of the great events taking place in the PA CareerLink® centers for youth! It was noted that there is an impressive increase in the number of Out of School Youth being served.

**OVR Update** – Chris Palmer provided a handout (attached to this report) and explained this is an example of how they are building relationships with area schools. The document discusses a resource account that is made available to schools to ask questions about OVR's services.

**RAMP** – Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program – In collaboration with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) Workforce Solutions applied for and were awarded funding to implement the RAMP program in our region. We will be working with Pentz Run to provide this program. RAMP is a national program funded by grants from the US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. RAMP is a career focused mentoring program for youth with disabilities (aged 12-17) who are currently involved with or are at risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. Once the program is up and running a regional meeting will be held to ensure collaboration with the appropriate partners including PA CareerLink® partners.

**Next Meetings for 2020** – Mondays - June 8, September 14 and December 14, 2020 from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

**Action Items for the board:**

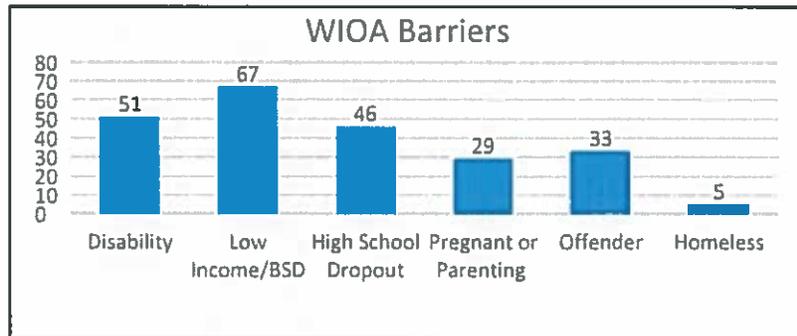
There are no action items for the board.

# WIOA and TANF YOUTH REPORT

July 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020

## WIOA Out of School Youth Enrollments

	WIOA NEW	WIOA CO
CAMERON	6	1
CLEARFIELD	46	13
ELK	19	7
DUBOIS	25	10
JEFFERSON	18	18
MCKEAN	10	18
POTTER	5	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>72</b>
	<b>201</b>	



## WIOA Out of School Youth On the Job Training

July 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020, 11 Customers

Candy's Styling Salon, Clearfield Wholesale Paper, DBI Inc/Brookville Glove MFG,  
DuBois Nursing Home, Emporium Borough, J.I.T. Tool & Die Inc, Paris Companies, Walker Lumber

	Budget	Expenditures	Obligations	Exp + Obl	Balance
WIOA Out of School	\$24,627.80	\$19,957.80	\$4,670.00	\$24,627.80	\$0.00

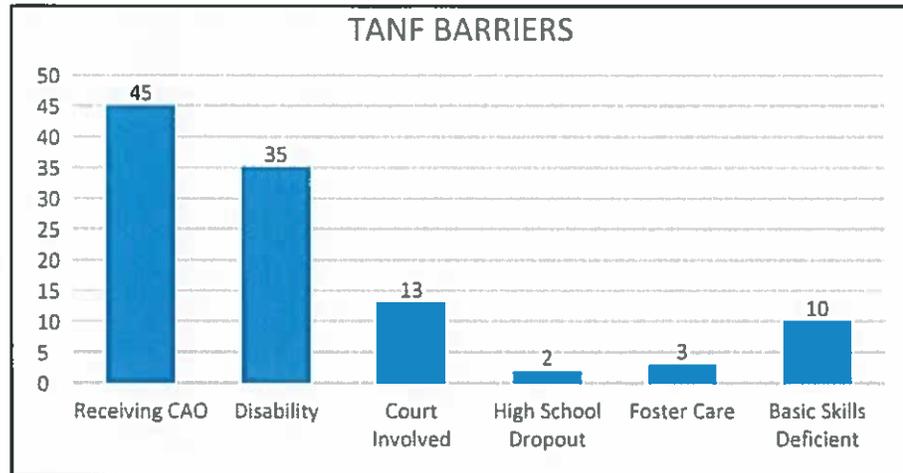
## Work Experience, July 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020

	Budget	Expenditures	Obligations (customers currently in WE)	Exp + Obl	Balance	% to Plan
WIOA Out of School	\$181,800.00	\$51,547.50	\$30,836.25	\$82,293.75	\$99,506.25	45%
TANF Year Round	\$136,880.00	\$87,390.00	\$48,658.50	\$136,048.50	\$831.50	99%

**WORK EXPERIENCE Worksites** – A Step Ahead Child Center, Abundant Blessings Flowers & Gifts, Aegis Coffee Roasters, Allegeny Bradford Corporation, Austin Area School District, Bear Manufacturing LLC, Beatty's Rustic Root & Twisted Nail Spa, Best Buds Flowers & Gifts, Bigler YMCA, BOONDOCS, Bradford Area School District, Bradford Auto Service, Bradford Library, Brockway Goodwill, Brookville YMCA, Care for Children, CCCTC, Central Intermediate Unit 10, Christ the King Manor, City of St Marys Parks & Recreation, CIU10, Clear-Centre Swimming Pool, Clearfield County SPCA, Clearfield Wholesale Paper Company, Coal Mountain Development Group/Eagles Ridge Golf Course, Clearfield YCMA, Comet Communication, Community Action, Inc, Cummin's Construction, Curwensville Feed Store, Curwensville Lake, Danzer Lumber North America, Inc, Delullo's Deli & Car Wash, Elcam – DuBois, Elk County Community Recycling Center, Elk County Foods, Elk County Humane Society, Emporium Senior Center, Express Café, Falls Creek Powdered Metals, Fox's Pizza – Port Allegany, Friendship Table, Front & Centre Productions, Fuel On, Genesee Library, Goodwill – Brockway, Goodwill – Coudersport, Goodwill – DuBois, Goodwill – Punxsutawney, Goodwill Retail Store – Jefferson, Goodwill Industries, Grampian Hardware, Granite Expression, Growing with Grace, Guitarnia, Guy and Mary Felt Manor, Head Start Port Allegany, Holiday Inn Express – Bradford, Hunter's Garage, Irwin's Service Station, IU9, Jefferson County Historical Society, Johnsonburg Community Center, Johnsonburg Public Library, Johnston Tools, Josie's Restaurant, KMA Remarketing, Kentucky Fried Chicken - Clearfield, Kightlinger Motors, Leforts Sweet Shop, Lifespan Family Services, Lugly's CTM, Mama J's Early Learning Center, Mama J's Daycare, McKean County SPCA, Mengle memorial Library, Metz & Associates, Moshannon Valley YMCA, Neurofeedback, New Horizons Healthy Foods/Fitness Fun, Northern Tier Community Action Head Start, Novey's Recycling, Open Arms, Oswayo Senior Center, Oswayo Valley Public Library, Oswayo Valley School District, PA CareerLink Clearfield County at Clearfield, PA CareerLink Elk County, PA CareerLink Jefferson County, Pheonix Sintered Metals LLC, Port Allegany Pharmacy, Port Freeze, Proform Powdered Metals, Protektor Model, Punxsutawney Memorial Library, Quick Way, RM Auto Service & Repair, Rick's Auto, Rod's Welding, Save a Lot – Bradford, Save a Lot – Kane, Seneca Highlands CTC, Shop N Save, Port Allegany, Shop N Save – Galeton, Smethport Country Club, SPCA – Clearfield County, Spring Street Salon, St. Boniface, Starlettes Dance Studio, Station Platform 9, Stoney North, Summerville Public Library, Superior Machining, TEE-Riffik Screen Printing & Embroidery, TAT Technologies, The Stuff Store, The Wreck Center, Video Game X-Change, Vision Quality Components, Walker Lumber, West End Pizza, Wickett & Craig, Xtreme Machine, YMCA – Child Care – Bradford, YWCA – Young Womens Christian Association

## TANF ENROLLMENTS

	TANF
CAMERON	4
CLEARFIELD	19
DUBOIS	8
ELK	5
JEFFERSON	10
MCKEAN	37
POTTER	11
TOTALS	94



**MOAs.....** Adult Mentoring - Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library, Emporium Senior Center, McKean County Juvenile Probation/BOONDOCS Program, St. Boniface, Community Action, Inc. of Jefferson County; **Alternative Secondary School Services** - C.I.U. #10; **Financial Literacy Education** - CNB Bank of St. Marys, First Commonwealth Bank of DuBois, Mel Roberts Financial Advisor, Community Action, Inc of Jefferson County.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PA CAREERLINKS!



FIND A WAY TO PLAN YOUR FUTURE

### FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Join professional Financial Planner Mel Roberts to learn how to better save money and make a better future.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
3-7 p.m.

PA CareerLink Clearfield County at Clearfield  
1123 Linden Street  
Clearfield, PA  
Pennsylvania  
**CareerLink**



PA CareerLink Clearfield County at Clearfield hosted a Financial Education night for our young adult population. Financial advisor Melvin Roberts came and spoke with the WIOA Title1 OSY about some of the most common mistakes young adults make when budgeting/spending.

### CUPCAKES & CAREERS

Student Success Workshop

**Tuesday, March 3**  
3:00 PM

Potter County Career Link  
874 State & West Georgetown

Are you between the ages of 18-24?  
Join us to learn about career and training options after High School!

Decorate your own Cupcake at our Cupcake Bar!

For more information, Call Mary Jo at 814.271.5228

Pennsylvania  
**CareerLink**

Come Join Us for ...

### The Game of LIFE

A day of FUN while learning to cruise through the everyday lessons of LIFE!

**FREE!!!**

Friday • April 10, 2020  
1pm - 4pm

**McKean County CareerLink**  
41 Derry Street, Stroudsburg, PA

See you there!!

Pennsylvania CareerLink

Presents:

### The 1st Annual CAREER FORTNITE

Monday, March 16, 2020 6-7 p.m.  
Clearfield County Career & Technology Center

Learn your own Fortnite dance!  
Compete in your own Fortnite tournament with your friends!  
Dress up as your favorite Fortnite character!  
Trophies for Tournament Winner, Best Dancer and Best Costume!  
Learn about careers in Technology from CCCC faculty!  
Pizza and Soft Pop provided!

For more information on how to sign up, contact Jenae Olson at 814-765-0119 ext. 306.

## SUCCESS STORIES.....



Brittany enrolled in the WIOA OSY program because she was interested in obtaining a work experience. While talking to Brittany during the enrollment, she expressed great interest in eventually becoming a nursing assistant. Being that Brittany was a referral from adult education, I knew that she was unable to jump right into this career goal as she is still attending GED classes. We were able to find Brittany a work experience at Guy and Mary Felt Manor in Emporium. She is able to work three days a week and attend GED classes twice a week. Brittany told me that she absolutely loves going to work every day and is hoping to eventually get hired at Guy and Mary Felt Manor once she obtains her high school equivalency.



Nicholas Chittester was referred to the WIOA out of school youth program by OVR. Nick was interested in obtaining a work experience. The main hope was that Nick would gain interpersonal skills as he progresses through the work experience. We placed Nick at the Elk County Recycling Center. Since his start date, Nick has opened up a lot and gained many interpersonal skills. Nick has even requested to start working more hours a couple of times!



will begin on-line classes with Penn Foster by the end of February 2020.

Kayla Zurenda was referred to the WIOA out of school youth program by Family Literacy in Jefferson County. Kayla had been attending classes for a couple of years to achieve her high school equivalency. She was ready to begin the testing process, but needed assistance with the cost. Kayla achieved the first two sections (science and language) rather quickly but struggled with the math skills needed for the third test. She continued to work on math as well as social studies. In the summer of 2019 she successfully passed the social studies tests but her self-stated weakness, math, was the only test remaining. By December she was ready for the test and scheduled it for the new year. Kayla achieved her high school equivalency with a passing score on the math test on January 23, 2020. With her new diploma, Kayla has decided to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinary technician. She



life is, he responded with "I want to be financially secure and to build a promising future for his family and himself."

Cole Grandinetti is a 2013 graduate of Bradford Area High School. In 2009, Cole became a Volunteer Fireman for Bradford Township and also became an EMT in 2013. Cole began working with the WIOA Out of School Youth Program in 2019 because he was unsure of what he wanted to do and just needed a little guidance. Cole received his CDL license with the help of the program and stated, "Without the program I would not have been able to afford to get my CDL." After Cole received his CDL, he was hired with the City of Bradford as a driver for the Department of Public Works where he also serves on the Safety Committee. Cole looks at receiving his CDL as a stepping stone to achieve future goals. With the wages he is earning, he will be able to attend school in the future to obtain credentials in the Medical field. When I asked Cole what his ultimate goal in



Michael Kroh was referred to the PA CareerLink for the WIOA program by Paris Companies. He was enrolled in the WIOA Out of School Youth program. Michael went on to successfully complete an On the Job Training with Paris Companies in December of 2019. Currently, Michael is still employed with Paris Companies.



manager!

Pictured is OSY WIOA enrollment Jenna Boal sporting a large smile because she was just promoted to Manager at her workplace! Jenna first met with YTDS looking for assistance in her communication skills, and ways to be more outgoing. She struggled with confidence in herself, and had a hard time going to interviews because of so. Jenna worked closely with a WEX worksite that also concentrated on mentoring the Youth as well. As a result Jenna got up the courage to apply for a temporary position as Walmart. She got the job and exceeded their expectations. After only a few short months her management at the store encouraged her to try for an open management position. They stated that her hard work, compassion for others, and dedicated is something they do not see every day. She decided to take the chance to apply and got the job! Jenna is now a department



Congratulations Steven!!

Steven Good came to Career Link after being laid off from a local employer. He had no idea what he wanted to do other than he knew he needed to obtain his GED. He started off slowly working with our Title 2 Adult Educator and didn't seem to be in too much of a hurry to get through the exams. While attending classes, he met some other students who were going to be starting the CDL training. He thought he might like to look into similar training once he finished his GED exams. He was referred to the Title 1 program in our Career Link and the TDS got the ball rolling. What Steven didn't expect was to be starting school within a few weeks of working with the TDS. His plan was quickly revised in order to finish his GED prior to beginning his DCL training. He was able to take and pass 3 exams the week before CDL training began. Last week he came back into the office after obtaining his CDL license. He found he could take his final GED within the next couple of days. Within a week he had both his high school equivalency and his CDL. He is now on the job hunt. We are hopeful, with the help of Career Link, he will find a job soon.

Effective March 4, 2020:

As one of our efforts to better improve communication between our OVR DuBois District Office and the schools that we serve, we now have a designated email account [RA-LIOVR-DUBOIS-TRAN@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LIOVR-DUBOIS-TRAN@pa.gov) that school staff can use to submit:

- Referrals for individual services
- Requests to initiate group services provided by OVR staff such as our Early Reach Coordinator
- Requests to initiate group services provided by OVR's PETS providers
- IEP invites
- Event invitations
- PETS rosters
- PETS releases
- School records
- Questions related to OVR services, policy, and procedure that school staff may have

If you have any questions, please contact supervisor Christy Patterson at 1-800-922-4017 or via the email listed above.

Thank You!