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## Youth Standing Committee Monday, December 14, 2020 9:30 am – 10:15am

Members Present: Chris Palmer, OVR (Board member and Chairperson), Loretta Lininger, IU9 Title II

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, WIOA Local and Regional Plans

<u>Committee Purpose</u>: 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 and TANF 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 included an update on the Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP) that Equus Workforce Solutions is not implemented. The board made a decision in September 2020 to award the funding to Equus due to performance issues. Equus has one active participant and one mentor participating with several more pending. 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. Workforce Solutions applied for the funding in partnership with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL).

<u>OVR Update</u> – Chris Palmer provided an update to the committee regarding OVR services for youth stating that all OVR staff are providing virtual services however their service providers are meeting in person when possible. OVR is in the process of updating their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PDE. Pre-employment transition services are a key priority for OVR. There are changes being made to CWDS with more OVR forms being added to the system.

<u>Next Meetings for PY20</u> – Mondays - March 8 and June 7, 2021 from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

**Action Items for the board**: There are no action items for the board.

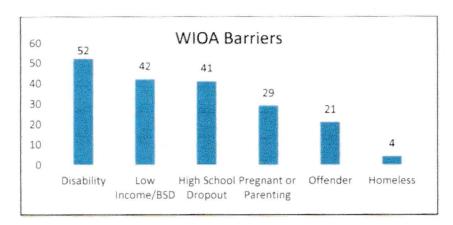
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## WIOA, TANF, RAMP YOUTH REPORT

July 1, 2020 to December 4, 2020

#### WIOA Out of School Youth Enrollments

|  | WIOA<br>NEW | WIOA<br>CO |
|--|-------------|------------|
| CAMERON  | 2           | 6          |
| CLEARFIELD   | 19          | 14         |
| ELK  | 2           | 5          |
| DUBOIS   | 15          | 13         |
| JEFFERSON  | 4           | 22         |
| MCKEAN   | 3           | 10         |
| POTTER   | 8           | 14         |
| TOTALS   | 53          | 84         |
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# WIOA Out of School Youth On-the-Job Training July 1, 2020 through December 4, 2020, 18 Customers (Added 9 OJTs since 9/4/20)

Advanced Powder Products Inc, Clearfield Leather Inc. Wickett, Coal Mountain Development LLC, Custom Castings North East Inc, Dawn Tobias Childcare Services, ELCAM, Granite Expressions LLC, Kightlinger Motors, Inc, Marci Nebgen Integrity Services, Meandrus Motors, Paris Companies, Sintergy Inc, St Marys Pressed Metals Inc, Tangled Salon

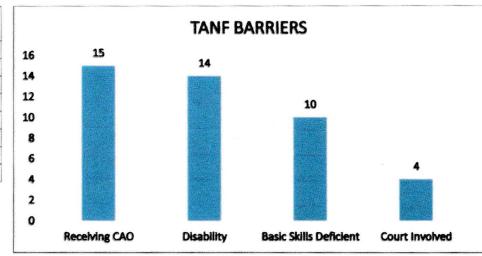
|  | Budget      | Expenditures | Obligations | Exp + Obl   | Balance      |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| WIOA Out of School<br>(through 9/4/20) | \$12,000    | \$7,904.14   | \$9,019.07  | \$16,923.21 | (\$4,923.21) |
| Budget mod 10/2020                     | \$40,675.01 | \$21,161.82  | \$19,672.36 | \$40,834.18 | (\$159.17)   |

| Wo                                     | Work Experience, July 1, 2020 through December 4, 2020 |              |   |             |             |              |
|--|--|--------------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | Budget   | Expenditures | Obligations<br>(customers currently<br>in WE) | Exp + Obl   | Balance     | % to<br>Plan |
| WIOA Out of School<br>(through 9/4/20) | \$84,100.00  | \$24,244.00  | \$36,658.03                                   | \$60,902.03 | \$23,197.97 | 72%          |
| Budget mod 10/2020                     | \$139,500.00   | \$51,190.66  | \$22,522.13                                   | \$65,787.22 | \$73,712.78 | 53%          |
| TANF Year Round -<br>827               | \$62,640.00  | \$20,312.62  | \$25,894.25                                   | \$46,206.86 | \$16,433.14 | 47%          |
| TANF Year Round -<br>922               | \$15,014.65  | \$630.90     | \$471.11                                      | \$1,102.00  | \$13,912.65 | 7%           |

WORK EXPERIENCE Worksites – (Added 12 new worksites since 9/4/20) A Way Out, Alliance Daycare, Barbara M Brown Memorial Library, Bradford Area School District, City of St Marys Parks and Recreation, Coudersport Area School District, Culligan Water, Custom Castings, Dawn Tobias Early Learning Center, Dixon Precast, Down River Auto, Eagles Ridge Golf Course, Express Café, Fuel On Emporium, Genesee Area Library, Goodwill - DuBois, Liberty Blvd, Goodwill Brockway, Goodwill Punxsutawney, Goodwill Industry, Guy & Mary Felt Manor, Jefferson County Housing Authority, Kightlinger's, Knox Township, Mahaffey Laboratory, LTD, Mahaley's Outdoor Power Equipment, Marci Nebgen Integrity Services, McKean County Juvenile Probation/Boondocs Program, Meadows Frozen Custard, MoValley Records, Novey's Recycling, Open Arms Church, Oswayo Valley Memorial Library, Oswayo Valley Senior Center, PA CareerLink Jefferson County, Paris Companies, Protekor Model, Rick's Auto, RM Auto Service & Repair, Seneca Highlands CTC, Seneca Highlands IU9, Shop n Save Galeton, Sintergy Inc, Starlette's School of Dance, Stuff Store, Superior Machining Inc, Sweden Valley Inn, Sweden Valley Manor, Tangled Salon, TAT Technologies, The Daily Bread, We Are Inn, YWCA

## TANF ENROLLMENTS, July 1, 2020 to December 4, 2020

| Anna contractor | TANF |
|-----------------|------|
| CAMERON         | 1    |
| CLEARFIELD      | 4    |
| DUBOIS          | 4    |
| ELK             | 0    |
| JEFFERSON       | 3    |
| MCKEAN          | 15   |
| POTTER          | 7    |
| TOTALS          | 34   |



## RAMP ENROLLMENTS, October 1, 2020 to December 4, 2020, 1 Customer

## **MOAs**

- ✓ Adult Mentoring Mengle Memorial Library, Open Arms Church, Potter County Re-Entry Program, The Stuff Store
- ✓ Alternative Secondary School Services Jefferson County Head Start

COVID-19, PA CareerLinks closed November 23, 2020 to January 4, 2021, staff teleworking

## SUCCESS STORIES.....



Cameron County: Trey Maluchnik is an Out of School Youth who visited the PA CareerLink in Cameron County looking to obtain employment. Our Business Service Consultant was readily available and met with Trey and shared information regarding the Work Experience Program. Trey met with the Youth TDS enrolled as and Out Of School Youth and together identified a work experience opportunity at Fuel on. The supervisors all enjoy having Trey and he has enjoyed his time spent working at Fuel On. Trey is nearing completion of his Work Experience and has been offered permanent employment by Fuel On.



Clearfield County at Clearfield: Pictured you will see Clearfield County at Clearfield OSY Participant Colt Logan while at his Work Experience with Dixon Precast. Colt has made a remarkable first impression with the employer, and the employer is stating that Colt has a long term position at the facility after his WEX training if he would be interested. Colt is standing proud next to cages he had formed for a company to use while doing their construction work. The owner of Dixon Precast stated that Colt is a hard working young man, who is eager to get the job done. Colt feels the environment at Dixon Precast is perfect for him. He is thankful for the opportunities that WEX has given him, not only in the workforce, but in his personal life as well.



Clearfield County at DuBois: Johnny Crespo came into the PA CareerLink Clearfield County at DuBois in July 2020 looking for help with his career. Johnny had a dream of obtaining a CDL but would need financial assistance in order to do so. He enrolled in the WIOA OSY program and also applied for CDL training at CCCTC. During his WIOA enrollment process, TDS encouraged Johnny to complete a Traitify assessment to determine what jobs would be the best fit for him, and sure enough Johnny's top career match at 93% was 'Transportation Worker.' Johnny received tuition assistance through an ITA and successfully completed his CDL training at the end of September. He is shown here with his certificate. Johnny is currently in the process of job searching with the assistance of the PA CareerLink.



Elk County:Sierra Caggiano was referred to the Elk County CareerLink by St Mary's Pressed Metals who was interested in employing her. Sierra recently graduated high school and intended to immediately join the workforce in the booming manufacturing field. St Marys pressed metals acknowledged that she had no previous experience, and together with the help of the Business Service Consultant, developed a training plan to help her succeed in her visit. The challenges surrounding COVID-19 did not hold Sierra back as she excelled in her training and successfully completed her OJT on August 19<sup>th</sup> Sierra has been placed into Follow up.



Jefferson County: The events of the year 2020 have been stressful but the resident of Knox Township have benefited from the TANF work experience program. Bryce a high school seniors this fall spent his summer assisting the township with maintenance around the township building and a large project replacing drain pipes. He gained transferrable skills that will help them in their future job search.



McKean county: Lindsay enrolled in the TANF program in September of 2020. She is currently completing a Work Experience through the Bradford Area School District as a classroom aide for a Kindergarten class. She enjoys working with the kids and the worksite Supervisor said, "She is a great asset to the classroom. She is always willing to help and the children really enjoy having her here." Lindsay is a junior in High School and plans to attend University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for Social Work.



Potter County – Hayden Erskine contacted CareerLink looking for a job. He had recently returned to the area and was unsure about available opportunities. I enrolled him as a WIO Out-of-School Youth. After discussing his interests, we decided to look for work in the auto mechanic field. We were able to place him at Kightlinger Motors in Coudersport as a parts desk worker. This was through the work experience program. His supervisor was very impressed with Hayden's strong work ethic and was interested in keeping him long term. After successfully completing the WEX, he was hired on as a Porter/Service Advisor through the OJT program. Once this is complete, Hayden is expected to be hired on full-time. He will get further mechanics training leading to certifications through Kightlinger's. They are very excited to see Hayden become a success.