



425 Old Kersey Road • Kersey PA 15846

Youth Committee

Monday, December 13, 2021 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Members Present: Board Members, Chris Palmer, OVR/Chairperson

Non board members: Blythe Brunner, PA CareerLink/Equus, Loretta Lininger, IU9 Title II, Steve Edison, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, Bob Wicker, PCEC, Jill Martin-Rend, BC3

Staff Present: Pam Streich, Colleen PrechtI, Jocelyn Bash, Linda Franco, Terry Hinton

Topics Discussed – Review of Committee Purpose, WIOA/TANF YD Report, Collaboration between Business Education Partnership and PA CL Youth Programs, Outreach Efforts and Referrals, Meetings for 2022.

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

PA CareerLink - Title I and TANF Youth Development Report and discussion - Blythe Brunner, Project Director for the PA CareerLink/Equus Title I subcontractor reviewed the attached report. Discussion ensued. Members expressed the great information contained in the report but suggested some clarification on the OJT wage (average) as well as additional explanation regarding on youth worksites. It was noted that the average hourly wage for Out of School Youth is \$11.59. Collaboration between all partners in the PA CL has increased now that more staff are working in the office vs. virtual services.

Ensuring Collaboration between Business Education Partnership (BEP) and other providers (CECs): Business Education Partnership staff/ agencies are now part of the youth committee due to the Future's Committee being dissolved. The purpose of this is to increase collaboration between the Title I Youth/TANF Youth programs and the work done by Business Education Partnerships. The committee purpose will be expanded upon to reflect this collaboration. Some level of collaboration is occurring between the partners already with the intentional goal to increase this collaboration. It was mentioned that the collaboration increased over the past 18 months throughout the pandemic.

Outreach Efforts and Referrals - The goal would be to ensure referrals to Title I/TANF YD are made by the BEP partners - Blythe will send out an overview of eligibility guidelines for each of these programs. Many referrals take place during Transition meetings.

Other Business – OVR will be announcing a summer internship program for youth with disabilities ad well as Youth Ambassador position in collaboration with each Intermediate Unit. Chris will send that information out to the group.

Meetings for 2022 Tuesdays at 9:30 am- March 14, June 13, September 12 and December 12, 2022

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

WIOA, TANF YOUTH REPORT

July 1, 2021 to December 3, 2021

WIOA Out of School Youth Enrollments

	WIOA NEW 9/9/21	WIOA NEW 12/3/21	WIOA CO
CAMERON	1	3	3
CLEARFIELD	2	14	4
ELK	2	5	4
DUBOIS	3	4	12
JEFFERSON	2	6	9
MCKEAN	1	5	6
POTTER	9	14	12
TOTALS	20	51	50

WIOA Out of School Youth Barriers	
Low Income/Basic Skills Deficient	62
Disability	35
Pregnant or Parenting Youth	27
High School Dropout	18
Offender	12
Homeless	5

12 WIOA Out of School Youth On-the-Job Training Opportunities, **\$11.59**

- ✓ Advanced Powder Product Inc
- ✓ Bell Resources
- ✓ Buchanan Brothers Pharmacy
- ✓ Kessel Construction Inc
- ✓ 2 Kightlinger Motors Inc
- ✓ Proshort Stamping Services
- ✓ Tangled Salon
- ✓ The UPS Store
- ✓ Ultimate Power
- ✓ Walker Lumber

*Average OJT
Wage*

(2 youth placed here)

14 WIOA Out of School Youth Post Secondary Opportunities

- ✓ Clearfield County Career & Technology Center, CDL Class A Basic, Practical Nursing
- ✓ Jeff Tech, Automotive Technology, Diesel Mechanic & Heavy Equipment Technology, Practical Nursing
- ✓ Jeff Tech/Barber Trucking Inc and Jeff Tech, Diesel Mechanic and Heavy Equipment Technology/CDL A Training
- ✓ Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- ✓ Indiana County Technology Center, Commercial Driver Training (CDL - Class A)

WIOA Out of School Youth Financial

	Budget	Planned	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
OJT 892	\$ 21,146.84	\$ 21,683.75	\$ 16,332.50	\$ 5,351.25	\$ (536.91)
ITA 892	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 43,995.00	\$ 25,995.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 5.00
SS 892	\$ 12,353.23	\$ 5,459.65	\$ 5,459.65	\$ -	\$ 6,893.58
INC 892	\$ 700.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
WEX 885	\$ 60,862.67	\$ 36,549.99	\$ 25,616.39	\$ 10,933.60	\$ 24,312.68
TOTALS	\$ 139,062.74	\$ 108,088.39	\$ 73,803.54	\$ 34,284.85	\$ 30,974.35

3 WIOA In School Youth Enrollments, DuBois, Jefferson, McKean

WORK EXPERIENCE Worksites – 23 WIOA Out of School Youth and 51 TANF Youth (Added 8 WIOA Out of School Youth and 4 TANF Youth since September 8, 2021), A & W West End Grill, Advanced Powdered Products, Austin Borough, Barbara M Brown Memorial Library, Bradford Save-A-Lot, Brookville YMCA, Business On-Site Services Inc, Christ the King Manor, DuBois Area School District, Eagles Ridge Golf Course, Eldred Borough, Elk County Community Recycling Center, Elk County Powdered Metal Inc, Emporium Senior Center, Express Café, Fox's Pizza, Fuel On, Galeton Public Library, Goodwill, Goodwill Industries, Goodwill Industries – Distribution Center, Goodwill Punxsutawney, Hotel Crittenden, Johnsonburg Public Library, Kightlinger Motor Inc, Knox Township, Leslie's Septic System, Mandy Taylor Cleaning LLC, McKean County Juvenile Probation/Boondocs Program, McKean County Planning Commission, Meadows Frozen Custard, ML Screening, Northern Tier Community Action Corporation, Northern Potter School District, Open Arms Church, Oswayo Valley School District, PA CareerLink® Elk County, PA Pellets, Pennsylvania Sintered Metals Inc, Punxsy Pizza, Slice of the 80s, State Farm, Sweden Valley Manor, Tangled Salon, The UPS Store, The We R Inn, Ultimate Power, Valley Dairy, Westgate Inn, White Oak Laboratory, YMCA of DuBois

TANF ENROLLMENTS, July 1, 2021 – December 3, 2021

	TANF 9/9/21	TANF 12/3/21
CAMERON	4	4
CLEARFIELD	8	9
DUBOIS	5	7
ELK	5	6
JEFFERSON	9	10
MCKEAN	12	13
POTTER	7	10
TOTALS	50	59

TANF Barriers	
Receiving CAO Services	29
Disability	26
Basic Skills Deficient	17
Court Involved	4
Incarcerated Parents	1

WIOA TANF Youth Financial

	Budget	Planned	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
SS	\$ 3,299.73	\$ 1,166.32	\$ 1,166.32	na	\$ 2,133.41
INC	\$ 2,570.13	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	na	\$ 2,120.13
WEX	\$ 103,686.60	\$ 77,238.33	\$ 56,723.74	\$ 20,514.59	\$ 26,448.28
TOTALS	\$ 109,556.46	\$ 78,854.65	\$ 58,340.06	\$ 20,514.59	\$ 30,701.82

MOAs

- ✓ **Adult Mentoring – Marci Nebgen Integrity Services, PA Sintered Metals Inc**
- ✓ **Alternative Secondary School Services – Community Action**
- ✓ **Financial Literacy Education – First Commonwealth Bank, Zito Media**

SUCCESS STORIES.....



Cameron County: Linda came into the CareerLink in May of 2021 after our Title II, Adult Educator provider referred her to us. Linda dropped out of high school and needed to obtain her Secondary School Diploma. Linda worked closely with Title I and Title II providers to work toward passing all of her GED Exams. She attended CareerLink workshops to better her resume and begin thinking about what she wants to do after obtaining her Secondary School Diploma. In November 2021, she passed her fourth and final GED Exam. She has obtained her Secondary School Diploma. Linda has worked so hard with both of our programs to overcome this barrier of education.



Clearfield County at DuBois: Jeradin has been working with the WIOA program in the PA CareerLink Clearfield County at DuBois since spring of 2019. He came in with an interest in Welding and we explored potential Work Experience opportunities to help him gain hands on learning in the field. After struggling to find a WEX specifically in Welding that was in a manageable distance, Jeradin decided he would like to attend Jeff Tech's Adult Education Welding program. Jeradin started school in August of 2020 and completed his training in June of 2021 with a certificate in Welding & Metal Fabrication. Jeradin came back to the PA CareerLink to get help with finding employment. In October, Jeradin began an On-the-Job Training at ProShort Stamping Services of Brockway. Jeradin started as a Machine Operator with the company, with the long-term goal of training alongside their experienced Welder and eventually moving up to a Welder position. Jeradin is pictured here with the laser at ProShort.



Jefferson County: In June 2021 Sheldon Young, a recent 2021 graduate of Punxsutawney High School, contacted the PA CareerLink-Jefferson County looking for help attending CDL training. He had talked with a friend about his interest and concern about the cost and was referred to the office for assistance. He met with Talent Development Specialist, Teresa Neal to complete his Out of School youth enrollment. Sheldon was interested in working for a few of the local contractors once he obtained his CDL. Sheldon completed the TABE testing and was referred to Title II, Adult Education. He worked to improve his reading and mathematical skills before starting training on September 27, 2021 at Indiana County Technology Center. Sheldon successfully completed training in October earning his Commercial Drivers License and achieving a measurable skills gain. Since he finished training he has started a position with Creo Green Energy, LLC on the brush crew and hopes to move up to a driver.



McKean County: Alex Pelchy was reverse referred to the CareerLink by Kessel Construction based out of Bradford, PA. Alex was enrolled into our WIOA Out-of-School Youth and Adult programs and was placed on an On-the-Job Training at Kessel. Throughout his assignment Alex learned many new skills such as gutter fabrication and replacement, installing dry wall, roofing, and setting roofing beams and purlins. Alex's OJT assignment was a success and ended on 10/13/2021 and he was exited to employment. During a monthly follow-up telephone call Alex stated that he "is very grateful that he had the opportunity to take advantage of the OJT program."



Clearfield County at Clearfield: Pictured to the right is the Youth Talent Development Specialist, Jenna Dixon meeting with an employer and a Work Experience participant who just started. During this meeting WIOA Out-of-School Youth participant is learning how to manage her timecard and do her daily temperature checks. Business owner Marci is meeting with Jenna to talk about timecard collection days and the best way to reach Jenna if there is ever a problem.



Elk County: Elizabeth was referred to the CareerLink from our Title II provider, Adult Education. Elizabeth has been working with our Youth Talent Development Specialist, Taylor to find employment that allows her time to work on obtaining her Secondary School Diploma. She has been working hard through workshops given by the CareerLink to update her resume and practice interviewing skills as well as working with Adult Education to study for her GED Exams. Elizabeth just recently gained employment that will also give her time to work toward her Secondary School Diploma.



Potter County: Jesse Fijalkovich was enrolled as an OSY after graduating from high school. He was accepted into Triangle Tech for the Maintenance Electricity and Construction Technology program with WIOA Out-of-School funding to help finance a majority of his training. He utilized supportive services through our WIOA program to assist with school books. In February of 2021 Jesse received his degree in Specialized Technology. He came to CareerLink with his diploma eager to find employment. We were able to place him in an On-the Job Training at Patterson Lumber as an electrician helper. Jesse was thrilled with the position because it offered benefits as well as a professional wage. He is a new father and looking forward to purchasing a home. Jesse is enjoying his new job and his employer is very happy with how well he is progressing.