

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
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DCS Associate Directors
DCS Field Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

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Subject: Expansion of ETA's New Strategic Vision for Youth Service TEGL 28-05

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the expansion of ETA's strategic vision, (originally iterated in TEGL 3-04, dated July 16, 2004) to serve out-of-school and the most at-risk youth, including Indian and Native American youth and youth with disabilities under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Background: On May 9, 2006 the U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration (ETA), issued TEGL 28- 05 (Attachment A) announcing the expansion of ETA's strategic vision to serve out-of-school and the most at-risk youth. The details of this expanded vision are described in the accompanying document *A New Vision: Serving Youth in a Demand-Driven Workforce System* (Attachment B). Consistent with the White House Task Force Report on Disadvantaged Youth, TEGL 28-05 identifies Indian and Native American youth and youth with disabilities as additional priority youth groups under the Workforce Investment Act's focus on serving the nation's "neediest youth".

TEGL 28-05 offers the following “critical strategies” that local workforce investment areas should consider to more effectively serve these particular youth groups:

- A. Focus on Alternative Education utilizing the expertise of Disability Program Navigators to connect to appropriate educational providers.
- B. Focus on Business Demands, Especially in High-Growth Industries and Occupations. ETA will provide guidance to the WIA youth system with respect to implementing employer-driven youth service/development models. Additionally, local youth practitioners should develop/expand relationships with industry and community service and educational organizations to ensure industry-focused pathways/career ladder programs for these youth groups.
- C. Focus on Neediest Youth ETA will work to develop and implement strategies to address issues of low reading, math and high school graduation (or equivalency) rates for these and other “needy” youth groups. ETA will also collaborate with the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) to assist in grant projects related to the employment and training of youth with disabilities and to disseminate information to local areas on successful programs/practices. Local areas should explore local collaborations focused on the goal of increasing educational achievement for these youth groups.

For more information please follow the URL below or see attached documents:

http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2224

Action

Required: Please review the content of this issuance and share with all appropriate organizations and staff.

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