

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 11-24

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: George Moriarty, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: March 31, 2011

Subject: **Availability of Funds Under the Young Parents Demonstration Project**

Purpose: To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the availability of funds under a Solicitation of Grant Applications (SGA) in accordance with the Young Parents Demonstration project.

Background: On March 30, 2011, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published notice of the availability of \$5.5 million in grant funds to provide intensive mentoring services to low-income parents (mothers and fathers, and expectant parents ages 16-24) participating in workforce development programs. ETA intends to award four (4) to six (6) grants ranging from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million.

Eligible applicants must currently be operating a program for young parents that includes educational and occupational skills training, case management, supportive services, and follow-up and post-program transition services. Under the terms of the grant, selected applicants must enroll at least 400 new participants over the 2 year grant period and utilizing a lottery program, will select 200 of the new participants to also receive intensive mentoring services. The balance of the new participants will, as the control group, receive only the services of the grantee's existing program without the mentoring services.

Selected grantees will be encouraged to serve young parents in high-risk categories, including victims of child abuse, incarcerated parents, court-involved youth, youth-at-risk of court involvement, homeless and runaway youth, Indian and Native American youth, migrant youth, youth in or aging out of foster care, and youth with disabilities.

As a condition of the grant, an applicant must demonstrate through a letter of commitment, its partnership with the local workforce investment board to provide referrals to the young parent program, access to assessments, employment and other career center resources such as job development services to ensure the young parent's success in achieving employment goals.

Eligible applicants include:

- A local Workforce Investment Board;
- A Federally-recognized Indian Tribe;
- A non-profit provider (such as a community or faith-based organization, industry association, etc.) of workforce system services determined to be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code.

Applications are due no later than April 29, 2011

To access the full SGA announcement, click on the following link:

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-12-YOUNG-PARENTS-DEMO-FINAL.pdf>

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