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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 19, 2016

Subject: Career Pathways in Justice Careers for At-Risk Youth – Funding Opportunity

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Funding Opportunity [FOA-ETA-16-09: Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth \(PJC\)](#) released April 7, 2016.

Background: The Pathways to Justice Career for Youth (PJC) grant supports at-risk and court-involved youth that are still in school (“eligible youth”) by providing: 1) exposure to the world of work in the career fields of justice and emergency services, 2) mentoring to encourage participants to complete a high school diploma or equivalency, and 3) supportive services that engage participants and deter them from engaging or re-engaging with the criminal justice system.

The Department of Labor plans to award approximately 5 grants of up to \$1,000,000 each. The PJC grants will combine case management, mentoring, career exploration, and exposure to the world of work models in the field of justice and emergency services for in-school youth ages 16 to 21, that are eligible to graduate within 2 years and are at risk of dropping out of school or at risk of entanglement in the criminal justice system, or both; the eligible youth must be enrolled in a public secondary school or alternative secondary school.

The PJC grants provide the aforementioned in-school youth the opportunity to work with and be mentored by professionals currently working in justice and

emergency services careers. Services will be customer-focused, based on the needs of the individual participant. The PJC grants will ensure each participant has an individualized service strategy (ISS) detailing the steps needed to complete a career pathway program, showing where one enters the pathway, how he or she advances along the pathway, and where the pathway leads him or her long-term. Participants are to be intimately involved in the design and implementation of services so their individual voice is represented and their needs are being met

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-ETA-16-09
Application Deadline:	May 9, 2016
Expected Number of Awards:	5
Total Program Funding:	\$5,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$1,000,000

Eligible applicants are limited to (1) units of state, local or tribal government, (2) community- or faith-based organizations with 501(c)(3) non-profit status, including women's and minority organizations, and (3) any Indian and Native American entities eligible for grants under Section 166 of WIOA. Applicants may include current or former DOL grantees; new applicants that have not received previous DOL grants are also encouraged to apply.