



Workforce Issuance

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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
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MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: September 19, 2025

Subject: **Funding Opportunity: FY25 Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and local workforce partners of a funding opportunity released September 15th, 2025, from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, to enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth affected by opioids and other substance use, as well as their families.

Background: The purpose of this grant initiative is to fund grants to states to support and expand mentoring services to children and youth impacted by opioid abuse and other forms of substance abuse.

OJJDP expects award recipients to reduce opioid and other substance use and their negative impact through targeted goals that promote resilience, strengthen communities, and develop sustainable prevention and treatment systems. Efforts will include mentoring services, enhanced with appropriate behavioral

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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health support and recovery assistance for youth and their families and improving family dynamics and sobriety rates. To enhance mentoring capacity, the focus will be recruiting and training mentors to understand the signs and symptoms of substance use for those at risk of using opioids and other substances. Strengthening communities will involve collaborations with treatment providers. The initiative seeks to divert at risk populations from the juvenile justice system through mentoring and prevention programs, ultimately reducing opioid and other substance use and improving long-term family and community outcomes.

Funding Opportunity Number:	<u>O-OJJDP-2025-172446</u>
Application Deadline:	October 23, 2025
Estimated Total Funding:	\$15,100,000
Award Range:	Up to \$1,980,000
Anticipated Number of Awards:	13
Eligible Applicants:	State Workforce Agencies, Educational Orgs Nonprofit Agencies
Period of Performance:	36 Months

Action

Required: If your local area is interested in submitting a project for consideration, please review funding opportunity O-OJJDP-2025-172446 in its entirety

Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately