

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 12-59**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Acting Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** November 9, 2012

**Subject:** **WIA Youth Chat and Credentials for Youth Tool**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a live WIA Youth Chat, sponsored by the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration's (ETA), Division of Youth Services. The purpose of the chat is to:

- share what is being done to **help youth obtain credentials**
- to learn about what **other WIA youth programs are doing** around the country
- and to provide an opportunity to **communicate directly with DOL** youth staff.

**Background:** On **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – 1:00 EST**, Workforce3One will host a WIA Youth Chat on helping youth to attain occupational credentials, how programs can be structured, and what the essential program elements are to help youth attain occupational credentials and move into employment.

The chat will include a discussion of the recently launched Credentials for Youth Tool, <https://youth.workforce3one.org/page/credentials>, posted on the Youth Community of Practice. The site helps workforce professionals identify promising occupations for youth and the credentials to help attain them.

**Action**

**Required:** To participate, you must be a member of Workforce3One. If you are not a member, you must register at: <http://www.workforce3one.org/register.aspx>. There is no cost to register and once the account is established you can access the Youth Connections Community of Practice (CoP) as well as free webinars, tools, and documents available through Workforce3One. This is NOT a conference call; there is no dial-in number or need for a telephone.

**For the chat, log into Workforce3One, enter the Youth Community of Practice, <https://youth.workforce3one.org/> click on the “Chat Button”.**

**We strongly encourage each workforce area to ensure that, at a minimum, one youth staff person is assigned to participate in this event.**

**Inquiries:** Questions that you would like to submit in advance and those related to the chat should be directed to [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov).