

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WIOA IMPLEMENTATION TASK ADVISORY GROUPS (TAGS)

What is WIOA?

Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), will replace the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 to authorize the federal workforce programs in 2015. The WIOA will modernize the nation's workforce system and emphasizes the demand-driven approach that Illinois has developed over the past several years. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will coordinate with state and local workforce and economic development partners to implement the requirements associated with the two-year implementation of WIOA in coordination with the Illinois Economic Development Plan (published by DCEO in July 2014).

WIOA requires the strategic coordination of four core programs:

1. Employment and training services for adults, dislocated workers and youth,
2. Wagner-Peyser employment services,
3. Adult education and literacy programs, and
4. Vocational Rehabilitation programs serving individuals with disabilities in obtaining employment.

What are Task Advisory Groups (TAGs)?

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) formed seven advisory groups to obtain input regarding implementation issues from a local workforce partner perspective. Seven advisory groups have been identified and tasked with making initial recommendations in areas critical to preparing for implementation of WIOA. The seven groups include: Operations, Planning, Policy, Governance, Performance, Technology and Youth. These seven groups have two primary tasks:

1. To make recommendations to State policy makers in specific areas identified for each group, and
2. To identify significant requirements of the WIOA for which Illinois will provide specific comments in conjunction with Federal rulemaking.

Who serves on the Task Advisory Groups?

Each TAG includes representatives from local workforce investment areas (LWIAs), local representatives of the four core programs, DCEO's Office of Employment and Training and subject matter experts as required and beneficial.

What is the timeline under which Task Advisory Groups are working?

The work of each TAG will evolve as planning for implementation of WIOA intensifies. Each advisory group is following a work plan tailored to its scope and focus of WIOA implementation. Each group will identify target dates for its own work products. Some key dates related to WIOA statutory requirements follow:

Date	Required Action
January 18, 2015	The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Education (ED) and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must publish Notices of Proposed Rulemaking to implement WIOA.
July 1, 2015	WIOA provisions take effect, unless otherwise noted in the Act.
July 22, 2015	Eligible Training Providers provisions are implemented by Governors and boards.
January 22, 2016	DOL, ED and HHS must publish Final Rules to implement WIOA.
March 3, 2016	Deadline for state Unified Plan submission.
July 1, 2016	WIOA state Unified Plans and the WIOA performance accountability provisions take effect.

Where can I find out more?

[WIOA Works for Illinois!](#) is a resource with up-to-date information about the workforce system innovations in Illinois and the impact of those workforce innovations on our state.

The [WIOA Resources page](#) also provides material from the State and Federal workforce agencies.

The [U.S. DOL's website](#) for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act offers many related guidelines and technical assistance tools.

The [WIOA Public Law is here](#).