



Illinois Workforce Innovation Board

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IWIB Youth Standing Committee Update **12/6/2016**

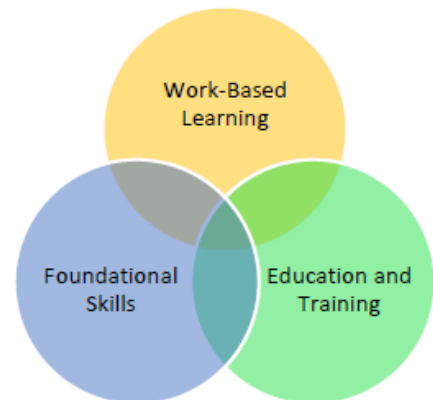
The Youth Standing Committee and in particular, the subcommittee tasked with developing an RFP to address Youth Career Pathway system developing in communities across the state, has spent the past quarter finalizing and releasing the WIOA Youth Career Pathway 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity, which was released in late October. <https://www.illinoisworknet.com/youth2017> This funding opportunity is organized around a theory of action which couples the development of a learner focused framework with system focused framework, in order to build individual capacity in learners and system capacity to support them.

In addition, Committee members have worked on additional goals and activities for the next year, as highlight below:

Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan Vision Statement: Promote business-driven talent solutions that integrate education, workforce and economic development resources across systems to provide businesses, individuals, and communities with the opportunity to prosper and contribute to growing the state's economy.

IWIB Standing Youth Committee Goal: To provide employment and training opportunities for our Illinois youth that advance careers and grow Illinois businesses.

State Strategies and Highlighted Activities: The Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) Standing Youth Committee will work with systems at the state, regional and local level to create opportunities for Illinois youth. The Committee will:



- I. **(IWIB)** commit to working with the full IWIB and other IWIB committees and task forces to inject youth and youth service perspectives in alignment with the State of Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan
- II. **(State Partners)** commit to working with WIOA core partners and additional stakeholder agencies and organizations exploring programmatic best practices to recommend for adoption and scaling, with a priority on blending and braiding funds in pursuit of sector-based career pathway models.
- III. **(Local Workforce Areas)** commit to working with Local Workforce Areas (LWAs) and their core regional partners through the lens of capacity building and continuous improvement. Advocating for, and helping to improve business engagement strategies statewide. Facilitating direct linkages

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between business and LWA/partners to increase work-based learning and employment opportunities, and overall vertical integration of programmatic services.

- IV. **(Program Providers)** commit to working with DCEO, core WIOA partner agencies, and regional networks in continuous improvement and capacity building efforts for ongoing Youth projects at the state level, including Youth Career Pathways funding opportunities and resulting projects.
- V. **(Business & Youth Customers)** commit to working with youth program participants, and youth-led groups and organizations (such as those organized through the ICCCTSO (Illinois Coordinating Council for Career & Technical Student Organizations) to carry their input and advocacy back to programmatic decision makers; commit to working with business and business organizations to carry their input and advocacy back to programmatic decision makers.