



## Illinois Workforce Innovation Board

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To: Illinois Workforce Innovation Board

From: Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Youth Committee

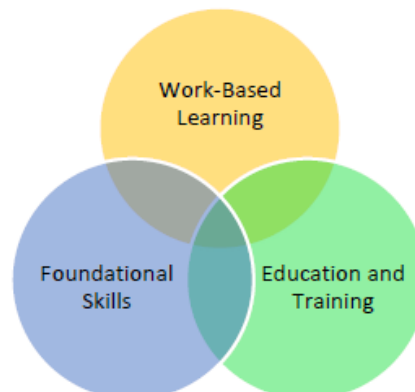
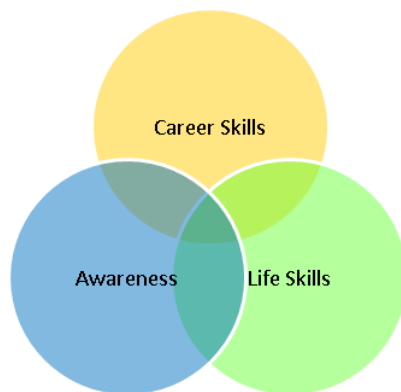
Date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

RE: IWIB Standing Youth Committee March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report

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**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 workforce development opportunities for our youth that are of value to our business customers.



**State Strategies and Highlighted Activities:** The IWIB Standing Youth 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.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report:** Working with: Apprenticeship Committee, TD&L Task Force, One-Stop certification effort and Career Pathway Definition Group.

- II. **(Youth Projects)** commit to working with DCEO and core WIOA partner agencies in development and continuous improvement of ongoing Youth projects at the state level, including Youth Career Pathways NOFO and resulting projects and capacity building efforts.

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**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report:** 19 NOFO applications have been received and are under review for recommendation and funding by July 1, 2017.

- III. **(Local Workforce Areas)** commit to working with Local Workforce Areas and their core regional partners through the lens of capacity building and continuous improvement.
- a. Advocating for, and helping to improve business engagement strategies statewide.
  - b. Facilitating direct linkages between business and LWA/partners to increase (sector based) work-based learning and employment opportunities, and overall vertical integration of programmatic services.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report:** Meetings have occurred with local workforce entities.

- IV. **(Career Pathways in Partnership with State Workforce System)** commit to working with additional partner networks and organizations exploring programmatic best practices to recommend for adoption and scaling.
- a. Looking for opportunities for blending and braiding of resources.
  - b. Looking to recommend the adoption of successful sector-based career pathway models statewide.
  - c. IDCEO – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, ICCB – Illinois Community College Board, IDES – Illinois Department of Employment Security, IDHS – Illinois Department of Human Services, IDA – Illinois Department of Aging, IDOC – Illinois Department of Corrections, ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education, Nationally Directed – Locally Administered Programs: National Farmworker Jobs Programs, YouthBuild, Job Corps

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report:**

ICCB – participating with ICCB strategic planning efforts.

IDOC – meeting with Department of Corrections Director Baldwin and his staff on Kewanee Early Release Center Pilot as part of IDOC/IWIB workforce development effort.

- V. **(Business & Youth Customers)** commit to working with youth program participants, and youth-led groups and 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.
- a. ICCCTSO “Illinois Coordinating Council for Career & Technical Student Organization”
  - b. Learning Exchanges

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Report:**

- a. “Youth Speaks and Participates” – Confirmed continued interest in collaboration with IWIB and ICCCTSO.
- b. Learning Exchange – Discussion on utilizing learning exchange model as part of IWIB/LWIA Business Service Team (BST) network that 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.