USDOL-ETA WIOA Youth Program Resources for COVID-19
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During this challenging time, we at the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) know that youth workforce development professionals are working hard to provide quality services for our nation’s youth and young adults. We wanted to take this time to thank you for your creativity and innovation and to share with you some resources that we’ve compiled to assist you in your work.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, COVID-19 FAQs, found at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/coronavirus, offers a series of technical assistance resources and frequently asked questions (FAQs) to address grants management questions related to COVID-19 in order to assist the public workforce system during this crisis. You can find the Youth-related FAQs at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/coronavirus#Youth.

WEBINAR RECORDING: WIOA Youth Program COVID-19 Session, found at https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2020/04/20/14/07/WIOA-Youth-Program-COVID-19-Session, was developed to acknowledge the work youth practitioners are doing to serve youth (even if it’s not in person) and provide answers to pre-submitted questions, as well as resources and best practices.

LESSONS LEARNED: WIOA Youth Program COVID-19 Session Lessons Shared, found at https://youth.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/06/15/18/59/WIOA-Youth-Program-COVID-19-Session-Lessons-Shared, highlights solutions that the audience members provided during the live webinar.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS: Strategies for Operating the YouthBuild Program in a Virtual Environment Training Series, found at https://youthbuild.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/05/19/12/29/Region-6-Strategies-for-Operating-the-YouthBuild-Program-In-a-Virtual-Environment, is a series of seven training sessions that provide guidance and best practices for YouthBuild programs in a virtual environment, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These practices may be useful for any youth-serving organization.

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES: Two lists of compiled resources around virtual engagement strategies and tools.

Part One: https://youth.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/06/18/13/10/Resources-on-Virtual-Engagement.

Part Two: https://youth.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/06/18/20/00/Resources-on-Virtual-Engagement-part-2.
CONTRACTING STRATEGIES BRIEF: Contracting Strategies that Facilitate Serving Youth in Need, found at https://youth.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/07/21/16/23/Contracting-Strategies-that-Facilitate-Serving-Youth-in-Need, is a brief that offers five strategies to consider to develop thoughtful, clear, and articulate contracts.

We are continuously updating our resources pages and sharing what is happening in the field. If you have a non-proprietary resource, strategy, or best practice on virtual program management, summer employment, or engaging youth during this time, and you want to share broadly, please e-mail youth.services@dol.gov.