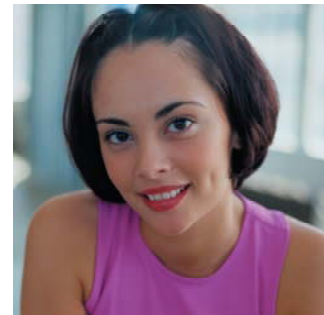
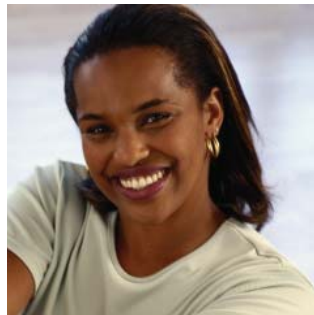


THE SHARED YOUTH VISION

A Collaborative Approach to Prepare Youth for Success in a Global, Demand-Driven Economy

What is the Shared Youth Vision?

“The Nation’s neediest youth will acquire the talents, skills, and knowledge necessary to ensure their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities.”



A Commitment to Serving the Neediest Youth

In 2003 the White House Task Force Report on Disadvantaged Youth noted that despite billions of public and private dollars spent on services to youth, many of the neediest youth are still being left behind. The report cited a lack of communication, coordination, and collaboration among federal agencies that provide services to youth, especially our country’s neediest youth.

Federal agencies were charged with developing more effective interagency collaborations to better serve targeted youth populations, with priority given to serving the neediest youth.

- Children of incarcerated parents
- Court-involved youth
- Youth at risk of court involvement
- Homeless and runaway youth
- Indian and Native American Youth
- Migrant youth
- Out-of-school youth
- Youth most at risk of dropping out
- Youth in or aging out of foster care
- Youth with disabilities



A Collaborative Effort at the Federal Level

In response to the White House task force report, the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Labor, Social Security Administration, Transportation, and the Corporation for National and Community Service formed a Federal Partnership with a focus on serving the neediest youth.

The mission of the Shared Youth Vision Partnership is to serve as a catalyst at the national, state, and local levels to strengthen coordination, communication, and collaboration among youth-serving agencies to support the neediest youth and their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities.

The Partnership:

- Develops, creates, and initiates collaborative approaches to prepare the nation's neediest youth for success in a global, demand-driven economy
- Communicates the Shared Youth Vision to States and local workforce system providers and other youth-serving agencies across the nation
- Engages the support of state and tribal leadership
- Facilitates the alignment of programs, policies, and funds
- Leverages resources and promotes outreach to recruit additional partners to connect the neediest youth to quality secondary and post-secondary educational opportunities and high-growth and other employment opportunities
- Provides tools and activities to support state and local Shared Youth Vision efforts

A Coordination Approach for State, Tribal, and Local Level Entities

The Shared Youth Vision calls upon the youth service system at all levels to work collaboratively in designing and coordinating programs focused on serving the neediest youth. States, tribal governments, and local areas all play a critical role in the outcomes of youth served through their programs. Youth serving systems and organizations can implement their Shared Youth Vision initiative by working together to:

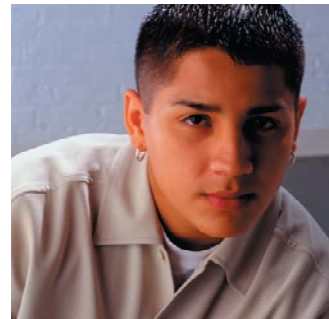
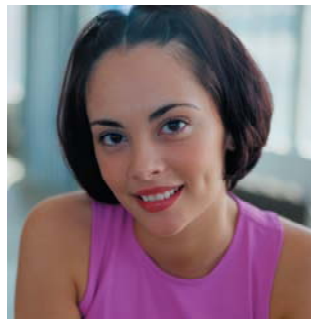
- Conduct an analysis to gather data on the neediest youth; identifying gaps in existing services and infrastructures
- Target services to the neediest youth
- Develop strategic plans and coordination initiatives at all levels to better serve the neediest youth
- Build partnerships and engage economic development agencies, business and industry associations, community-based and faith based organizations in the development and implementation of collaborative vision activities

By implementing a Shared Youth Vision, all youth service organizations and the youth and communities benefit through:

- Better use of resources
- Better outcomes for programs
- Better futures for our youth and our economy

Shared Youth Vision: Federal Partnership Activities

- 2004 Regional Youth Forums
- 2006 Advanced Level State Forums
- 2007 Regional Dialogue Meetings
- Shared Youth Vision Pilot Projects
- 2007–08 Analysis of Federal Partnership and State Pilot Teams Activities
- Technical Assistance Initiatives for States
 - Solutions Desk
 - Webinars
 - “Community of Practice” State Conference Calls



RESOURCES

The following Resource Materials for the Shared Youth Vision are available at www.doleta.gov/ryf

- Shared Youth Vision Overview
- Shared Youth Vision PowerPoint Presentation that can be adapted for State, Tribe and local use
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 28-05
- Executive Summary: White House Taskforce Report on Disadvantaged Youth
- Federal Funding Matrix
- Shared Youth Vision Assessment Tool
- Shared Youth Vision Indicators
- Workforce Investment Area (WIA) State Planning Guidance Training
- Key Federal Partners Contact List
- Contact List for Regional and State Representatives

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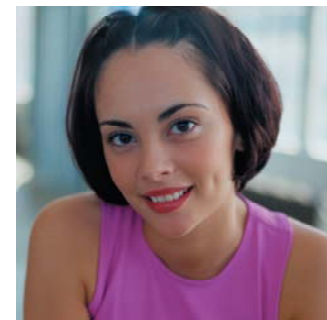
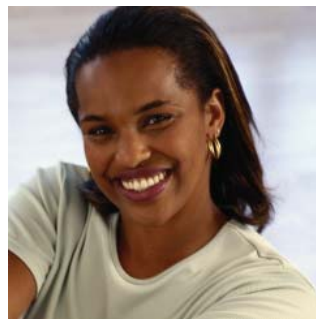
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