Workforce Services
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
Youth Programs

Throughout the State of Florida, local Workforce Boards offer WIA funded employment and training programs through One-Stop Career Centers. The Centers provide services in a systematic way to prepare young people for further education and employment. The local Boards work with local youth councils to run their youth programs.

Youth programs include an objective assessment of each youth's skill level and service needs, an individual service strategy, preparation for postsecondary educational opportunities or unsubsidized employment. They also demonstrate strong linkages between academic and occupational learning and effective connections to the job market and employers.

The other required elements of youth programs include:

- Tutoring, study skills training and instruction leading to completion of secondary school, including dropout prevention;
- Alternative school services;
- Adult mentoring;
- Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing;
- Occupational skills training;
- Leadership development opportunities;
- Supportive services (i.e. transportation);
- Follow-up services for not less than 12 months as appropriate;
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling; and
- Summer employment opportunities.

Youth must be ages 14-21, low income, and meet at least one of the specified barriers to employment (i.e. deficient in basic literacy skills; a school drop-out; homeless; runaway or a foster child; pregnant or parenting teen; or an offender). There is a five percent window for non-low-income youth if they experience one or more specified barriers to school completion or employment.

To find out more about WIA Youth services, clients may contact their local One-Stop Career Center. A directory can be found at http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/index.htm.

For additional information call: 1-866-352-2345

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