

# Performance Partnership Pilot

## Department of Economic Opportunity

### BACKGROUND

One out of six youth in the County is disconnected from a combination of school, housing and/or employment. To eradicate this, the City of Los Angeles championed the application of a performance Partnership Pilot (P3) planning grant through the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Justice Department, the Corporation for the National and Community Services and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. A grant was awarded in 2016 that allows for maximum flexibility through approved federal waivers, the identification of new opportunities to improve service delivery outcomes and the braiding of federal and non-federal funding sources to further maximize services through the better alignment of resources.

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### Introduction

The seven Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) agreed through the L.A. Basin Regional Workforce Plan to prioritize services to Disconnected Youth and establish a partnership using current resources to better prepare foster and system-involved youth ages 14 - 24 to become successful and thriving citizens. The seven WDBs include, the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, South Bay, Pacific Gateway, Verdugo, Foothill, Southeast Los Angeles County (SELACO). Over the last five years, the seven Los Angeles workforce boards, K-12 districts and educational institutions, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Office of Child Protection, ReLAY Institute (CSU-5), Unite-LA, the LA Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) and over 100 community-based organizations have worked in partnership to improve cross-sector collaboration for system-involved and opportunity youth. The partnership has provided many benefits including securing a waiver from the U.S. Department of Labor to allow to consider foster, homeless, and runaway youth who are in school to be counted in the OSY service category for fiscal accounting purposes. Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) is the lead entity for the Partnership with regards to County workforce matters and is the regional single point of contact for this project.

### Waiver for In School Foster, Homeless and Runaway Youth

Under the Workforce Innovative and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program, Local Boards are required to spend at least 75% of their WIOA youth formula allocation on youth workforce investment activities for Out of School Youth (OSY). However, the County allocates its full WIOA Youth funding to activities for OSY and leverages Work Based Learning (WBL) funds to serve In School Youth (ISY). While this is a worthwhile focus of funds, an unintended consequence of this requirement is the limitation of serving ISY who are involved in the foster care system, runaway, and/or experiencing homelessness (system-involved youth) that require deeper career services other than those offered through WBL.

In August 2021, WDACS released policy and procedure for all County of Los Angeles Americas Job Centers of California (AJCCs) to utilize funding provided for OSY and provide workforce services to in school foster, homeless and runaway youth.

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