

# Department of Labor Key Youth Employment Resources

The Department of Labor (DOL) works to assist with job searches, improve working conditions of employees, protect the welfare of the workforce and oversees many agencies devoted to improving working conditions in the United States. The Employment and Training Administration is one of the key Agencies housed within the DOL and works to provide youth with employment opportunities and resources.

## Employment and Training Administration • <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta>

The Employment and Training Administration works to provide high-quality job training, employment to youth and adults, and additionally works with state and local programs to help supplement and provide income to families.

### Key Program Areas:

- WIOA Youth Formula Program
- Workforce Pathways for Youth
- Reentry Employment Opportunities
- YouthBuild
- Apprenticeship

## WIOA Youth Formula Program <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/wioa-formula>

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is designed to help youth, 14-24 years old, overcome barriers regarding education and employment. This program has a focus on out of school youth and funds are available for both state and local organizations. WIOA Youth Program works to provide skills and credentials for youth to secure employment.

**2022 Funding Amount: \$933 million**

### [Workforce and Innovation and Opportunity Act Fact Sheet](#)

**Featured Resource:** [American Job Center Locator](#)- American Job Centers help individuals locate jobs and provide assistance with employment

## Workforce Pathways for Youth <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/workforce-pathways-for-youth>

The Workforce Pathways for Youth (WPY) program is focused on job and career skills. The program takes place in out of school organizations and helps youth develop job skills, explore career options, and provide year round job opportunities. This program is for youth ages 14 to 21.

**2022 Funding Amount: \$32 million**

### [Workforce Pathways for Youth Fact Sheet](#)

## Reentry Employment Opportunities <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/reentry>

The Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) Program is for justice involved youth, young adults, and adults. The REP program works with state and local organizations to improve outcomes for currently or formerly incarcerated individuals.

**2022 Funding Amount \$102,079,000**

[Reentry Employment Opportunities Fact Sheet](#)

**Featured Resource:** [Sample Individual Career Plan tool](#). Worksheet to help with needs assessment, workforce development, and goal setting.

## YouthBuild <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/youthbuild>

The YouthBuild program provides job training and educational opportunities for at risk youth and those who have drop out of high school. The skills learned are in high demand industries. The Population served is 16-24 years olds.

**2021 Funding Amount: \$90,000,000**

[Youth Build Fact Sheet](#)

**Featured Resource:** [Partnering with Employers Program Manual](#)

## Apprenticeship <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/educators/youth-apprenticeship>

The Summer Job program is dedicated to helping youth find jobs during summer breaks. This program is useful for youth seeking jobs, parents, and employers. Youth ages 16-24 are eligible for the apprenticeship program.

[Youth Apprenticeship Fact Sheet](#)

**Featured Resource:** [Toolkit: Laugh a Youth Apprenticeship Program](#)

## Highlighted Employment and Training Administration Pilot Programs <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/reentry/grantees>

**Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP)**- YARP helps reentry organizations create partnerships with local community colleges. YARP focuses on serving the 18-24 year old population. The program supports this age group by helping them obtain industry recognized credentials, certificates, and develop job readiness skills.

**Reentry Projects**- Reentry Projects supports 18-24 years old during their reentry process. These programs aim to increase employment outcomes and do so through the use of grants and evidence based practices. Organizations can apply for these grants and create a new program based on promising interventions.

**Pathway Home** - The pathway home project serves both young adults and older adults. The Pathway home grants work to provide employment between release and enrollment in a reentry program. Programing starts pre-release and is designed to help local and state stakeholders with the reentry process.

**Federal Bonding Program**- Federal Bonding Demonstration Grants allow states to use their fidelity bonds to assist formerly incarcerated individuals and those suffering from addiction with employment opportunities.