

## The Shared Youth Vision

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 were still being left behind. The report cited a lack of communication, coordination, and collaboration among federal agencies that provide services to youth, especially the country's neediest youth. In response to the White House Task Force Report, a Federal Partnership was formed to develop more effective interagency collaborations to better serve targeted youth populations with priority given to serving the neediest youth.

### **What federal agencies make up the Federal Partnership?**

The Shared Youth Vision Federal Partnership includes the following agencies:

- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Social Security Administration
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Corporation for National and Community Service

### **What is the mission of the Federal Partnership?**

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.

### **Who are the neediest youth?**

The White House Task Force Report identified the following as the neediest youth:

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

The Federal Partnership later expanded the definition of neediest youth to also include:

- American Indian and Alaska Native youth
- Youth with disabilities

### **What does the Federal Partnership do to accomplish its mission?**

The Federal Partnership engages in the following activities to strengthen coordination, communication, and collaboration among youth-serving agencies:

- Develop, create, and initiate collaborative approaches to prepare the nation's neediest youth for success in a global, demand-driven economy

- Communicate the Shared Youth Vision to States and local workforce system providers and other youth-serving agencies across the nation
- Engage the support of state and tribal leadership
- Facilitate the alignment of program, policies, and funds
- Leverage resources and promote 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
- Provide tools and activities to support state and local Shared Youth Vision efforts

### **How is the Shared Youth Vision initiative implemented at the state, tribal, and local levels?**

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

### **How do youth serving agencies, youth, and communities benefit by implementing a Shared Youth Vision?**

By collaborating in designing and coordinating programs focused on serving the neediest youth, all youth service organizations, youth, and communities benefit through:

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

### **What resources are available for the Shared Youth Vision?**

The following resources are available at [www.doleta.gov/ryf](http://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 Task Force 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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### **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 Team Activities
- Technical Assistance Initiatives for States:
  - Solutions desk
  - Webinars
  - “Community of Practice” State Conference Calls

For additional information on the Shared Youth Vision, Please contact your Regional or State representative or the Federal Partnership at [youthfed.team@dol.gov](mailto:youthfed.team@dol.gov) or visit the Shared Youth Vision web site at <http://www.doleta.gov/ryf/>.