

**Division Of Employment & Rehabilitation Services
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I-B
Informational Broadcast (IB)
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Clarification and Revision to the Youth Program Policy
(Work Experience Expenditure Requirement)
*Effective Immediately***

This Informational Broadcast is to inform all Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) and interested parties of clarification to the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Youth Program Policy, Section 300](#).

[Training and Employment Notice \(TEN\) 06-25](#), issued on February 12, 2026, announced the cancellation of the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 09-22. The U.S Department of Labor (DOL) stated that supportive services which enable WIOA participants to participate in training may count toward the work experience expenditures. DES reached out to DOL after the issuance of TEN 06-25 for further clarification and received the following response:

“WIOA Youth programs should not count supportive services toward the 20 percent work experience expenditure requirement moving forward.”

Based on DOL’s guidance, *supportive services must NOT be counted toward the 20 percent minimum expenditure requirement for work experience under the WIOA Youth program*. This applies regardless of whether or not the supportive services are provided in conjunction with a work experience activity.

LWDBs that are currently including supportive services in the calculation of the 20 percent work experience expenditure requirement *must discontinue this practice immediately*. LWDBs must ensure that only allowable work experience expenditures, as defined under WIOA and applicable federal guidance, are included moving forward.

Therefore, [Section 306.03.C.7 of the Youth Program Policy](#) is being removed *effective immediately*. The Youth Program Policy will reflect this change in the next revision.

Local areas should inform their staff and service providers of this update to make the necessary adjustments to their budgets, policies, and procedures.

All requests for clarification regarding implementation should be sent to TitlePolicy@azdes.gov.

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