

Out of School Youth Requirement Work Group

Meeting Notes from December 19, 2014

In attendance:

Lauren Farshler – Mohave LWIA

Sheryl Hart – Adult Ed

Lisa Lane – SAWC

Jutta Ulrich – DES

Kimberly Faust – Phoenix LWIA

What are the issues in serving this population?

- Discussion was around how local areas recruited currently and that the youth that WIOA is directly requesting participation from, are not finding the local areas currently.
- Local areas currently use limited partnerships with Adult Ed, Juvenile Justice System, Probation, DDD, CTE programs and other resources
- Rural areas also have problems keeping the youth in this population in their area (tend to leave for metro areas)
- Limited use of Vocational Rehabilitation for recruitment into the youth program (Mohave does have partnership with DDD in their area for their Adult population)
 - QUESTIONS for VR:
 - What are their eligibility requirements?
 - What ages does VR work with?
 - VR vs DDD? What are the differences? Similarities?
 - Could we have a representative from VR participate on next conference call to clarify how workforce, education and VR can work together to assist the Out of School Youth? (Jutta will work on getting someone to the next meeting)
- Adult Education as a resource – Mohave and Southwest Arizona has used as limited partnerships
 - QUESTIONS for co-enrollment with ABE / Workforce
 - How recruit and enroll concurrently?
 - Out of School youth 16 and older who are dropouts or have not attended for at least one calendar quarter of the most recent school year – don't have to prove low-income status (easier eligibility)
 - If enter ABE first, how can workforce also enroll with their status as out-of-school? Same eligibility process available?
 - How to refer both ways for easier eligibility?

Additional Thoughts / Comments / Questions:

- Does this go into effect July 2015 or July 2016?
- Regarding fiscal side – there are some additional questions. Jutta will speak to DES fiscal staff for additional interpretation.
- Need to be more creative during the recruitment process and change how the youth are outreached to draw them into the centers for what they need, not what we think they want.
- Questions regarding the data sharing and collection piece of youth programming among all WIOA partners (DES, DOE/ABE, VR, LWIA)

Next Meeting – TBD after the Holidays.