WIOA Youth Technical Assistance Resources
Resources on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care.

Ensuring youth workforce system providers understand the impacts of trauma on the young people they serve is critical to achieving positive outcomes. Integrating trauma-informed practices into service delivery can help youth feel safe, supported, and engaged while participating in education, training and employment.
Requested Amount: **$40,000**

**Purpose of Funds:** Support WIOA Youth Program Element 10 Guidance and Counseling, specifically trauma-informed care

**Justification:** One of the responsibilities of this committee is to develop strategies to improve services to youth (see “Roles and Responsibilities”). This committee has identified trauma-informed care for at-risk youth as one of these strategies and its most important priority (see “Ranked Priorities/Goals”). As such, the committee will identify an activity to fund that moves the State in the direction of supporting statewide trauma-informed care for at-risk youth.

There are three focus areas that will encompass part one of this pilot initiative.

- **Training.** Trauma informed care training for staff – Toxic stress, Brain development, Identification and support of students in trauma.
- **Early intervention trauma screening.** Follow up comprehensive assessments and reporting with appropriate aftercare and accommodations for (5) students. (Redesigned)
- **Aftercare Process Development.** Student aftercare process development for pilot participant workforce development agency(ies) and vocational training program(s).

**Pilot Outcomes:**

1. **Systems Change:** Transforming workforce development organizations who serve vulnerable youth into a trauma-informed->trauma responsive->trauma coordinated agency
2. **Legislation that would condition state grants targeted for youth services to require grantees to demonstrate they are trauma informed agency or will be using funds to become a trauma informed agency.**