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COVID-19 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Youth Resources for WIOA Youth Practitioners

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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.