

**Update Report of the Youth Services Committee
For the Board Meeting, 06/23/2021**

The Youth Services Committee met on April 20, 2021.

An overview of the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling; trauma-informed assessment pilot program was presented. The program will provide trauma-informed care training for the staff of workforce development entities and organizations that work with vulnerable youth. It will also provide ways to implement care into their programs and for their staff. There will be a human resources component that will establish protocols and processes on how to better hire individuals who can provide care for youth.

House Bill 1322 passed the legislature and sent to the Governor on April 28, 2021. The legislation relates to statewide trauma-informed care. The Department of Health will be the lead to assemble a working group of state agencies to incorporate trauma-informed care across all state agencies. The bill states that if an organization or entity requests or applies for Federal or City & County funds, they will have to demonstrate that they are a trauma-informed care organization.

WDC staff provided an update on the expenditures for the Youth Program as of February 28, 2021. There is an available balance of 43% for PY19 and only a small fraction of PY20 funds were expended. PY19 funds will lapse on June 30, 2021 and PY20 will lapse on June 30, 2022. The state is currently exceeding the 20% requirement of funds to be expended on Work Experience. The state is also meeting the 75% requirement to service Out of School Youth.

The Entrepreneurial Skills Training Program works with disadvantaged youths. There are four tracks. One track is Lemonade Alley, where the youth work in teams to run a business. The remaining three curriculum tracks include t-shirt design, sticker design, and friendship jewelry.