Have you wondered how the Youth formula and YouthBuild programs support the workforce system under WIOA? The Interagency One-Stop Policy and Technical Assistance Workgroup is presenting a series of informal briefings describing the individual Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner programs that make up the workforce system. Hosted by ETA, these monthly briefings provide a forum to understand each of our programs better, learn how we fit together as a workforce system, ultimately resulting in creating the integrated service delivery system envisioned by WIOA. This session will provide information on two very important WIOA youth programs to include: how the programs are funded; who is eligible to participate, services provided, as well as some changes to both programs under WIOA.

The WIOA Youth formula program focuses on serving out-of-school youth ages 16-24 and in-school youth ages 14-21. This program funds activities to provide career exploration and guidance, continued support for education attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries, and good jobs along a career pathway, enrollment in postsecondary education, or a Registered Apprenticeship. Local program design provides objective assessment of skill levels and needs, develops service strategies and career pathways, and provides activities leading to attainment of secondary and post-secondary credentials and preparation for unsubsidized employment and connections to employers.

The WIOA YouthBuild program is a community-based alternative education program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk, out-of-school youth ages 16-24. Though primarily focusing on construction training, the YouthBuild Construction Plus programs allows training beyond construction (which is required at all programs). Construction Plus expands participant training into additional in-demand fields, focusing on the attainment of industry-recognized credentials and related work experience.