



School-to-Work strategies provide interested students with learning opportunities that integrate career awareness into classroom learning as well as educational activities that teach them to apply their academic knowledge in school-based, business, and/or community service settings. Activities at the elementary and middle school levels might include career awareness field trips and job-shadowing opportunities; at the secondary level, they might also include internships in business settings and service learning environments or taking courses focused on a student's selected field of interest. Effective School-to-Work initiatives are intended to increase young peoples' academic achievement, expand their knowledge of careers, and better prepare them for further education, training, and high-skill, high-wage occupations after high school and college.

School-to-Work initiatives are developed by State and local partnerships, which include schools, employers, parents, organized labor, post-secondary institutions, and community organizations. These partnerships provide young people with a broad array of educational activities that help them gain strong academic knowledge and technical skills as well as to explore careers and post-secondary training options. Early student performance data show that School-to-Work students take more challenging classes, earn higher grades, and are more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college.

Under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, the Departments of Labor and Education have provided \$1.8 billion in seed money to states and selected high-poverty and Native American communities to support their school improvement objectives, workforce preparation efforts, and economic development priorities. This venture capital initiative will complete its investment strategy in time for the Act's sunset on October 1, 2001. However, grantees have the authority to utilize their School-to-Work Federal funds for up to five years after their receipt. A Federal task force is analyzing the performance and benefits of School-to-Work to identify strategies that work in preparing youth for careers and further education. For further information, visit [www.stw.ed.gov](http://www.stw.ed.gov) or call 1-800-251-7236.

**You can access America's Workforce Network at <http://www.doleta.gov>, or by calling the Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-US2-JOBS. (For TTY, call 1-877-TTY-JOBS.)**



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# Fact Sheets

The following is a list of Department of Labor-supported activities and services that are part of America's Workforce Network which may be of particular interest to workers, employers, and workforce development professionals. A fact sheet with specific information is available for each of the following areas:

- Accessing Services via Phone or Internet
- Adult Employment and Training Services
- America's Labor Market Information System
- America's Career Kit (Online Resources)
- America's Workforce Network
- Applying for ETA Grants
- Assistance for Trade-Impacted Workers
- Basic Information for Employers
- Basic Information for Workers and Job-Seekers
- Disability Employment and Training Services
- Dislocated Worker Program (Services for Laid-Off Workers)
- Foreign Labor Certification
- High-Tech Skills Training
- Job Corps
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Employment and Training Services
- Native American Employment and Training Services
- Older Workers Employment and Training Services
- One-Stop Employment and Training Services
- One-Stop Partners
- Registered Apprenticeship
- School-to-Work
- Tax Credit Programs
- Unemployment Insurance
- Welfare-to-Work
- Youth Opportunity (YO) Grants
- Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement

Available online at: <http://www.usworkforce.org/factsheets> or by calling (202) 693-3900. This Web address also provides links to other Federal partners under the Workforce Investment Act and other initiatives that provide additional services to enhance individual and community well-being.