

U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES AND JUSTICE

SUMMARY OF
REGIONAL YOUTH FORUMS

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

November 9-10, 2004

- 78 state participants
- 14 states and territories participated

Participating State Agencies/Offices

State Department of Health and Human Services

State Foster Care

Division of Youth and Children

Department of Children, Youth and Families

Department of Public Welfare

State Department of Education

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Adult Basic Education

Department of Correctional Education

Office of Adult Learning - Career and Technical Education Unit

State Department of Juvenile Justice

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Department of Juvenile Services

Juvenile Justice Commission

Criminal Justice Council

Commission for Crime and Delinquency

Division of Youth Services/Community Corporation

PR Office of Youth Affairs

Job Corps: Old Dominion Job Corp Center

State Department of Labor

Governor's Workforce Investment Division

State WIA/ Lead Youth Office

Workforce Investment Council

Department of Labor - Licensing and Regulation

Labor and Workforce Development

Department of Labor and Industry-Bureau of Workforce Development

Partnership

Employment Commission

CHICAGO REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

November 15-16, 2004

- 111 state participants
- 18 states participated

Participating State Agencies/Offices

State Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

State Foster Care

Department for Community Based Services

Family Independence Agency

Jobs and Family Services

State Department of Education

Adult Basic Education

College Student Aid Commission

Career Link

Department of Correctional Education

State Department of Juvenile Justice

Department of Juvenile Justice - Division of Criminal Justice Services

Children and Youth Coordinating Council

Department of Human Services - Juvenile Justice Authority

State Department of Labor

Governor's Workforce Investment Division

State WIA/Lead Youth Office

Department of Workforce Development

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Employment and Training Consortium

Agency for Workforce Innovation

PHOENIX REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

December 13-14, 2004

- 127 state participants
- 20 states and territories participated

Participating State Agencies/Offices

State Department of Health and Human Services

Governor's Coordinating Council on Families and Children

Department of Human Services

State Foster Care

Children and Youth Permanency Branch

Division of Child Welfare Services

Office of Community Services

Department of Family and Protective Services

State Department of Education

Adult Basic Education

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Shodair Hospital

Office/Department of Public Instruction

Community Colleges and Workforce Development

TEXAS Learns

State Department of Juvenile Justice

Office of the Governor

Division of Youth Services

Governor's Division for Children

Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development

Board/Department of Corrections

State Youth Authority

Division of Criminal Justice

Division of Youth Corrections

Department of Juvenile Corrections

Board of Crime Control

Children, Youth and Families Department

Youth Parole Board

Office of Juvenile Affairs

Criminal Justice Division

Job Corps

Innovations Group, Inc.

ICI Enterprises

Hawaii Job Corps Center

Centennial Job Corps

Carville Job Corps Academy

Job Corps (continued)

Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center
Talking Leaves Job Corps Center
National Forest Service Job Corps

State Department of Labor

Governor's Office of Workforce Training and Development
State Workforce/Youth Office
Department of Labor And Employment
Workforce Development Council
Community College System
WIN Partners/University of Colorado
Workforce Investment Agency
Commerce and Labor
Labor and Industry
Montana State University/Youth Council
Department of Employment and Training and Rehabilitation
Job Service - Employment Security Commission
Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development
Workforce Commission - Workforce Investment Council

E-POLLING SUMMARY

Summary

Approximately half of the forum attendees were from the workforce system with the other half of the attendees split evenly between education, juvenile justice and human services (foster care). About half of the attendees believed their state had a vision for serving youth, although less than a quarter of all attendees believed the vision was developed in collaboration with other youth-serving agencies. Of those who had a vision, two-thirds believed their vision addressed providing alternative education; about half believed their vision addressed serving the neediest youth, and only about one-third believed their vision addressed preparation for high demand jobs. The majority of attendees (at least three quarters) believed all four barriers inquired about (lack of alignment of federal policies, turf and control, performance measures, and lack of common vision) were actual barriers.

Specific Results of all 3 E-Polling Sessions Combined

Who Attended

- Education: 16%
- Foster Care/Human Services: 18%
- Juvenile Justice: 14%
- Workforce System: 52%

Does State Have A Vision

- Yes, and developed collaboratively: 22%
- Yes, but not developed collaboratively: 31%
- No or don't know: 46%

Does State's Vision Address Serving Neediest Youth

- Yes: 52%
- No: 48%

Does State's Vision Address Providing Alternative Ed

- Yes: 65%
- No: 35%

Does State's Vision Address Preparing For High Demand Jobs

- Yes: 38%
- No: 62%

Barriers

- Lack of common vision: 74%
- Turf and Control: 89%
- Performance Measures: 82%
- Lack of alignment of federal policies: 93%