

## SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

**STATE: ARKANSAS**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Arkansas Youth Development Collaborative (AYDC) Youth of Promise Regional Rollout

**TARGET POPULATION:** Youth in alternative education due to behavioral problems and/or involvement with the juvenile justice system

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA:** Central rural Arkansas and eastern Arkansas, known as the Delta

**FUNDING:** \$65,000

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Arkansas will focus on youth at two alternative education sites. The first school serves 65 high-risk youth in a rural area, and the second school serves 50-65 court-involved youth in the city of West Memphis. The AYDC Youth of Promise Regional Rollout will proceed in four phases. Phase one will involve the design and implementation of a state solutions desk for agencies, youth and youth services providers, the creation of regional response teams to provide technical assistance to youth service providers, the development of the pilot sites, and an effort to make information on the AYDC site relevant to youth. In phase two, teams will receive training in the development of collaborative models for local workforce investment areas that incorporate the targeted youth as a source of a new workforce to meet the demands of high-growth industry. In phase three, stakeholders will come together at a State Youth Vision Summit, and in phase four, representatives of the group will come together to develop a statewide strategic plan for serving the neediest youth.

**LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS:** Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, Local Workforce Investment Areas, Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Arkansas Department of Workforce Education, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, Arkansas OJJDP Specialist, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, Phoenix Youth and Family Services, Little Rock Job Corps, Arkansas Student Loan Authority, The Heritage Company, Metropolitan Career-Technical Center, Little Rock School District, Disability Rights Center, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Migrant Education, Easter Seals of Arkansas, Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute, American Indian Center of Arkansas

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