

Delaware County Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee
Friday, February 28, 2025, noon

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Agenda and Report

2024-25 Q2 Program Performance

Business and Education Partnership

ARPA Summer Camp

TANF YDP Policy Update

Recruiting non-Board Committee Members

Delaware Co Chamber- Youth Leadership Academy

DCIU CTE Month

Connecting Delco Businesses to Higher Ed

2025 Youth Committee Meeting Dates:

Thursday, May 29, 9 am via Teams

Thursday, August 28, 9 am via Teams

Thursday, November 20, 9 am via Teams

Success Story

Brendon Amaya-Perez, a Senior at Upper Darby High School, has always been a vibrant mix of creativity and ambition. Born in North Philadelphia and spending his formative years between Queens, NY, and Upper Darby, Brendon's journey is one of resilience, self-discovery, and artistic passion. As a proud Hispanic American of Mexican and Ecuadorian descent, he carries his cultural roots into everything he does, enriching his work with a unique perspective.

Brendon's passions are as diverse as his background. He finds joy in fashion, music, and creative expression, whether through playing his guitar, taking long walks or drives to spark inspiration, or admiring the timeless beauty of marble sculptures. His love for art runs deep, blending the classical with the contemporary, much like his favorite car—a vintage BMW, which he sees as a symbol of elegance and timeless craftsmanship.

Joining the Be Proud STEP UP Program has been a transformative chapter in Brendon's life. It has encouraged him to adopt an outgoing mindset, embrace his individuality, and build the confidence to take on challenges independently. This growth has not only strengthened his self-belief but has also given him a clearer vision of his future.

As the oldest of five siblings on his father's side of his family, Brendon understands responsibility and the importance of paving the way. He's choosing to take a gap year after high school—a bold decision driven by his desire to invest in his personal development and prepare for his next chapter. Whether refining his music skills or exploring higher education opportunities, Brendon is committed to creating a future that aligns with his passions.

Brendon's story is a testament to how embracing growth, staying true to oneself, and cultivating confidence can shape a bright future. His journey is just beginning, and with his determination, creativity, and newfound mindset, the possibilities are endless.

WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth Services

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials	Measurable Skill Gains	Enrollments	
					Current	Planned
Community Action Agency of Delaware County	0	0	0	11	20	20
Chester Education Foundation	8	16	1	10	20	25
EDSI, Inc.	0	2	0	3	28	50
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	0	0	0	0	0	25

TANF Youth Development Program

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials	Enrollments	
				Current	Planned
Be Proud Foundation	0	13	0	13	14
Be Proud Foundation (LIP)	0	18	0	18	25
Chester Education Foundation	0	60	0	60	40
Upper Darby Police Department	3	21	0	21	20
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	0	11	0	11	15
EDSI, Inc	2	0	0	18	20

Business Education Partnership (BEP) Grant

BEP Grant - Activities & Achievements (July-September 2024)

- To better engage high school students, we have developed a new event that will be offered in addition to the Youth Job Fair. The event will be called **Beyond the Classroom: A Career Discovery Day** focusing on career exposure and career pathways. Due to space limitations, we can only invite 26 employers to this inaugural event. Businesses to be invited will include companies offering career exposure and guidance on career pathways, community programs offering career and leadership development, and companies that hire youth 18 and under. We have invited 6 high schools to participate and are awaiting their confirmation. We anticipate serving at least 200 students through this event.
- During Q2, we hosted one employer event at PA CareerLink® Media during the After Hours' timeframe set aside for youth. For this event we offered youth an opportunity to meet a recruiter from Oliver Heating and Cooling and to interview for opportunities in the trades, including apprenticeships. This event attracted 11 individuals, all of whom were interviewed. Additional workshops were offered to youth through After Hours programming at PA CareerLink® and at two local high schools, Penn Wood HS and Upper Darby HS. 136 students were served through this programming.
- The professional development workshop, Building Bright Futures, is now being delivered to educators at their workplace. The workshop provides recipients with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively utilize PA CareerLink® services, leverage career pathways and high priority occupations, as well as engage youth in meaningful conversations about their career aspirations.

At the end of last quarter, 275 received this training, a combined group of educators, guardians, and community workers. This past November, the program was delivered to 140 Delaware County School Guidance Counselors and 5 teachers from Chichester High School. This workshop continues to demonstrate that PA CareerLink® is a powerful career resource for adults and youth.

Activities Recap	Progress toward Goals
Workshops and worksite tours (youth)	147 youth reached to date (Goal is 100)
Building Bright Futures Workshop (educators)	145 teachers reached to date (Goal is 50)

ARPA Summer Camp Program

	Summer 2021	Summer 2022	Summer 2023	Summer 2024
Boys & Girls Club of Chester 201 E. 7 Street, Chester, PA 19013	X	X	X	X
Blast Camp, Chester, PA				X
Camp Garrett 395 Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073	X	X	X	
Camp Phoenix 301 E. 9th Street, Chester, PA 19013	X	X	X	
The Center for Learning - Cooking Camp 452 S. New Middletown Road, Media, PA 19063	X			
Chef Dad's Table, Broomall, PA				X
Colonial Plantation, Gradyville, PA				X
The Creative Living Room 2274 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008	X	X	X	
Darlington Fine Arts Center, Inc. 977 Shavertown Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060	X	X	X	X
Delaware County Community College 901 South Media Line Road, Media, PA 19063	X	X	X	X
Greenhorn Gardens Greenhouse in Arlington Cemetery 401 School Lane, Drexel Hill, PA 19026	X			
Hedgerow Theatre School Summer Camp 64 Rose Valley Road, Rose Valley, PA 19063	X	X	X	
Hidden Treasures Initiative PA, Upland, PA				
Inspire Me Learning Academy 140 N. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, PA 19050	X			
Main Line Art Center 746 Panmure Rd, Haverford, PA 19041	X			
Media Arts Council, Media, PA				X
The Media Theatre 104 East State Street, Media, PA 19063	X	X	X	
Newlin Grist Mills 219 S. Cheyney Rd, Glen Mills 19342		X	X	
Upper Chichester Twp Summer Camp, Chichester, PA				
YMCA (Lansdowne) 2110 Garrett Rd., Lansdowne, PA 19050	X	X	X	X
YMCA (Ridley Area) 900 South Avenue, Secane, PA 19018	X	X	X	X
YMCA (Springfield) 194 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA 19064	X	X	X	X
Youth Enrichment Program, Lansdowne, PA				X

Participants	Summer 2021	Summer 2022	Summer 2023	Summer 2024
Unemployed Caregivers Approved for Program	14	51	14	52
Children Approved for Program	22	84	16	72
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish		13		46
Not Hispanic, Latino, Spanish		34	13	1
Other		3	1	5
Prefer not to Say		10		
American Indian or Alaska native		1	1	12
Asian		1	1	1
Black or African American		42	8	36
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island		0		
White		4	4	
prefer not to say		2		
others		1		2

Impact self-reported in Fall Survey	Summer 2021	Summer 2022	Summer 2023	Summer 2024
Completed an online job search	100%	80%	95%	90%
Registered in PA CareerLink®	40%	50%	45%	40%
Went to an interview	80%	25%	80%	20%
Returned to work- full or part-time	80%	60%	60%	30%



Strengthening Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) as a Safety Net and Work Program; Withdrawal

A Proposed Rule by the Children and Families Administration on 01/14/2025



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DOCUMENT HEADINGS

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
45 CFR Parts 205, 260, 261, and 263
RIN 0970-AC97

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.

ACTION:
Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY:
This document withdraws a proposed rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2023. The proposed rule would have amended the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program regulations to strengthen the safety net and reduce administrative burden.

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New guidance from PA Labor & Industry:

Youth Standing Committee If established, a youth standing committee represents a mechanism for a LWDB to coordinate area-wide youth services, assist with planning and oversee operational youth programs. A youth standing committee serves as the architect in designing and building comprehensive youth services at the local level. This committee shall, at a minimum:

- Help to identify gaps in services and develop a strategy to use competitive selections or community partnerships to address the unmet needs of youth;
- Coordinate youth policy;
- Ensure quality services;
- Leverage financial and programmatic resources; and,
- Recommend eligible youth service providers to the local board.

Membership If established, a youth standing committee must include LWDB members with a demonstrated record of success in serving eligible youth and young adults, as well as other individuals with appropriate expertise and experience who are not members of the LWDB. The committee's members shall bring their expertise to help address the employment, training, education, human and supportive service needs of eligible youth, especially out-of-school youth, young people who have become disconnected and those with barriers.

If established, Youth committee membership:

- must include a committee chair that is a member of the LWDB;
- may include other members from the LWDB, such as: educators (e.g., teachers, including special education, school counselors, administrators and school board members); employers (e.g., representing high priority or in-demand occupations); and representatives of human service agencies, who have special interest or expertise in youth policy; and
- shall include non-members of the LWDB who have appropriate experience and expertise (e.g., juvenile court judges, local law enforcement agencies, and disability advocates).



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Youth Leadership Academy

2025 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

ACADEMY KEY DATES:

Youth Leadership Academy Class of 2025 Nominations Are

Nomination Deadline

Now Open

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- Monday, March 17, 2024

DCIU Celebrates CTE Month

Our CTE Month Recognition will be held on Thursday, February 20 from 11:30am – 3:00pm at DCTS Aston campus.

Agenda:

11:30am – noon: Arrival

noon-1:15pm: Tours

1:30pm-3:00pm- Programs with snacks and refreshments

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