Delaware County Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee
Thursday November 19, 9:00 am
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Youth Committee Minutes August 27, 2026

Chester Education Foundation Update

2026-27 Q4 Program Performance and Coaching Update

Business and Education Partnership

Renew TANF Youth Development Project contracts for 2027:

- Be Proud Foundation $180,816
- Upper Darby Police Department $167,510

2027 Youth Committee Meeting Dates:
Thursday, March 4, 2027 @ 9am
Thursday, May 27, 2027 @9am (Memorial Day is 5/31)
Wednesday, September 1, 2027 @ 9am
Wednesday, December 1, 2027 @ 9am

Delaware County Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2026, 9:00 am via Teams

Committee Attendance: Cathy Cardillo, Rick Durante, Joe Lockley, Bill Tyson, Alana, Jenn Kacimi (staff), Kate McGeever (staff)

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Joe Lockley motioned to approve the minutes, Rick Durante seconded the motion, and all approved.

2025-26 Q4 Program Performance and Coaching Update
Jenn Kacimi highlighted the success of summer and year-round youth programs. In TANF/in-school program, 60 students earned high school diplomas, and 115 had work experience. In WIOA/Out-of-School programs, 20 youth earned credentials (Pharmacy Tech, phlebotomy, Med Tech) and 30 participated in paid work experience. She also shared success stories from the report packet, including work experiences in pre-school, IT, and summer camp.

Upcoming State/Federal Policy Changes
Jenn previewed changes to eligibility documentation for WIOA OSY and TANF YDP. As of January 2027, WIOA OSY will not allow youth to self-attest to low-income status. PA Labor & Industry is working with local boards to find additional ways to document low-income status.
In summer 2027, TANF will change income assessment from youth's income to family's income. PA L&I has asked all providers to assess how many youth will likely not participate when this new requirement is in place. Cathy Cardillo shared that Trinity Health has workgroups trying to prepare for similar changes that have resulted from the Big Beautiful Bill.

Business and Education Partnership
Kate McGeever shared the final results for BEP24 that met or exceeded all goals. For the next round of BEP funding, greater restrictions are in place that preclude uses like summer camp. The new round of funding will focus on connecting education and business through career awareness events and school-based panels for teachers, students, and parents.

ARPA Summer Camp
Kate reviewed the caregiver/camper data that is included in the report packet. This will be the final year for ARPA funds, so we do not expect to run the program in summer 2027.

Open Comment

Joe Lockley shared his commitment to having the Carpenters Union actively participate on BEP events and panels. Rick Durante announced that the FMFCU scholarship has increased from $4,000 to $4,500

Meeting adjourned

Rick Durante moved to adjourn, Jason Rode seconded the motion, and all approved.

Out-of-School Youth Services

Jeremiah Davies came to the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) program unemployed, with limited work experience and a history of short-term employment. He also faced additional barriers which presented challenges in securing stable employment. Despite these obstacles, Jeremiah was determined to move forward and create a better future.

Through EDSI's career services, Jeremiah received career counseling, resume development, interview preparation, employment coaching, and transportation assistance. He was also invited to participate in Job Club, where he received support completing online applications and strengthening his job-search skills.

Jeremiah further demonstrated his commitment by successfully completing the Pre-Apprenticeship Carpentry Program at Eastern Atlantic States Carpenters Technical College, gaining valuable skills and preparing himself for new career opportunities.

His hard work, persistence, and participation paid off. Jeremiah recently secured employment with All State Warehouse Company, taking an important step toward greater stability and long-term career success.

Jeremiah's journey demonstrates how determination, skill development, and the right support can turn employment barriers into opportunities for a brighter future. To learn more about this program, visit Pennsylvania CareerLink® today!

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WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth Services

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials	Measurable Skill Gains	Enrollments	
					New	Total
Community Action Agency of Delaware County	0	0	0	0	15	15
Chester Education Foundation	0	3	0	0	18	18
EDSI, Inc.	2	2	0	2	1	13
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	2	2	0	0	6	12

TANF Youth Development Program

Contractor	Employment	Work Experience	Credentials (H.S. Diploma)	Enrollments	
				Current	Planned
Be Proud Foundation (LIP)	0	15	0	18	20
Chester Education Foundation	0	60	0	60	60
Upper Darby Police Department	3	26	0	30	30
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	0	0	0	5	15
EDSI, Inc	0	0	0	0	0

Delco BEP 2026 will deliver the following Minimal Metrics outcomes:
Career Exposure Activities
2 STEM Career Fairs
2 Trade Union Apprenticeship Career Fairs
24 school-based employer panels for students, parents, and educators

