



Agenda: Workforce Innovation Board Youth Committee

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026; 9:00 – 10:00 am

Location: 1 N. Dearborn, 7th Floor Ste 750, Chicago, IL, 60602

Quorum: 33% or 4 out of 12 committee members must be physically present in the room. Once quorum is met, additional members or proxies can vote or participate virtually.
(must be in person / proxies allowed)

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| 9:00 – 9:01 | Welcome and Roll Call; Confirmation of Quorum
Nicole Shaw, Board Secretary |
| 9:01 – 9:02 | Minutes of March Meeting *
Adam Hecktman, Chair |
| 9:02 – 9:05 | Draft Youth Budget PY27
Jim Kobylinski, Interim Director of Finance |
| 9:05 – 9:22 | Program Budgets & Guidelines
Amy Santacaterina, Director of Program Budgets & Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth ITAs• AJC Youth Funding Recommendations*• IWDS 2.0 Updates |
| 9:22 – 9:40 | Program Performance Updates
Carly Bykerk, Associate Director of Program Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trends & Data for the period of 7/1/25 – 3/31/26 (Read only)• Continuous Improvement Plans• Youth Out-of-school recommendations*• Youth In-School recommendations*• Recalibrating Performance Benchmarks |
| 9:40 – 9:50 | CEO Remarks
George Wright |
| 9:50 – 10:00 | Public Comment & Adjournment |

***Denotes items requiring a committee vote to recommend action to the WIB**



Minutes of The Youth Committee of The WIB

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026; 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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Voting Board members in attendance: Adam Hecktman, Antionette Golden, Mark Sanders II (virtual), John Kasper, William Otter, Sean McGinnis, Sibyl Nash, Natalia Nevarez – Proxy for Miriam Martinez, Natalia Nevarez – Proxy for Thomas Debetta

Voting Board members not in attendance: Dara Munson, Angela Morrison, Lysandra Barnett, Thomas Debetta

Call to Order

A Youth Committee meeting of The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Workforce Innovation Board was held on March 4th at 1 N Dearborn, Chicago, IL, 60602. It began at 1:32 pm and was presided over by Chairperson Adam Hecktman with Nicole Shaw as Board Secretary. Nicole Shaw confirmed quorum was met and took attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Adam Hecktman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. This motion was moved by Adam Hecktman and seconded by William Otter. The motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting is carried in unanimous favor by a verbal ballot vote.

Staff reports

Amy Santacaterina, Director of Program Guidelines and Budgets, made an announcement that the WIOA PY26 American Job Center (AJC) Request For Proposals (RFP) is open to the public for comments. Amy advised that proposals will be due on 3/23/2026, and the proposal review period will run through May. If you are a Committee or Board Member and want to join our RFP review team, please email Board Secretary Nicole Shaw. Amy Santacaterina reviewed the IWDS 2.0 system-wide training plan timeline. Amy advised that The Partnership will save \$0.5M when IWDS 2.0 goes live and Career Connect is no longer needed. Amy Santacaterina announced that The Partnership will be halting Youth ITA funding for the remainder of PY26. Amy advised that The Partnership will review our budget and available funds and may reopen Youth ITA funding before the end of the PY. Amy advised that Youth who are 18 or over can receive an ITA via our Adult program if eligible.

Updates regarding Recalibrating Performance Benchmarks were presented by Pilar Trejo, Director of Program Performance. Pilar advises that the new performance benchmarks structure we will be piloting is program performance at 40%, fiscal performance at 40%, operational capacity at 10%, and equity and inclusion at 10%. We will be drafting a full PY26 scoring model aligned to the Local Plan. The final scoring model will be reviewed with the WIB prior to execution.



Youth Agency Spotlight

The Youth Agency Spotlight was presented by Tonii Harris of the Bethel Family Resource Center.

CEO's Remarks

George Wright, CEO of the Partnership, gave his remarks. He spoke to the recalibration of our performance metrics, stating that it did not feel right to have all the metrics weighed the same. George advised that reweighting the performance benchmarks is not about comparing those on a performance improvement plan (PIP) and who would be off a PIP if we implemented a new calibration. George reiterated that a PIP is for improvement, not for punishment. We want to help organizations and work with them to improve performance.

George advised that he is watching what is happening on the federal level regarding WIOA funding. A year ago we talked about Job Corp. We did not know if we would have funding, and we were expecting to have huge budget cuts. George advised he had been in DC for the last 3 weeks, and this morning was on a call regarding WIOA funding. George advised that our funding will be flat for the next FY starting July 1. There will be a countrywide \$10M cut. George stated that a cut is a cut, but if a cut is flat versus block grant cuts of \$30-40M, this is the better option. WIOA still has to go through reauthorization. George stated that we foresee that we will have adequate funds to continue supporting Youth, Adults, and Dislocated Workers.

There are two main areas of focus from DC, one is apprenticeships and the other is AI. We do agree that the public workforce needs to have more tech, and more apprenticeships. Technology is not the enemy, not using technology calls us to be behind the curve. Not everyone will go to college or post-secondary school, there will be opportunities and jobs available in 5 years that don't exist today. We are looking at how we can prepare people for this today.

Adjournment

Chairperson Adam Hecktman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was moved by William Otter and seconded by Toni Golden. This meeting was adjourned at 02:30 pm.

Date of Approval:



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Adam Hecktman, Chair

9:02 – 9:05 Draft Youth Budget PY27

Jim Kobylinski, Interim Director of Finance

9:05 – 9:22 Program Budgets and Guidelines

Amy Santacaterina, Director of Program Guidelines and Budgets

- Youth Recommended Budget Plan
- AJC Youth Funding Recommendations*
- IWDS 2.0 Updates

9:22 – 9:40 Program Performance Updates

Carly Bykerk, Associate Director of Program Performance

- Trends & Data for the period of 7/1/25 – 3/31/26 (Read only)
- Continuous Improvement Plans
- Youth Out-of-school recommendations*
- Youth In-School recommendations*
- Recalibrating Performance Benchmarks

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George Wright

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Draft Youth Budget PY27



Jim Kobylinski, Interim Director of Finance

WIOA PY 26 Youth Budget

WIOA Budget Plan	YOUTH
2026 Total Allocation	\$19,063,266
Deduct 10% Administrative funds	(\$1,906,327)
Repurposed Administrative funds for program use	\$1,000,000
PY 25 Program Carry In funds	\$1,500,000
Total WIOA Program Funds Available	\$19,656,939
Partnership expenses	(\$2,163,000)
Balance for Delegates	\$17,493,939

- Received a \$448,419 increase from last year (+2.41%)
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Budget And Guidelines Update



Amy Santacaterina, Program Director of Budgets and Guidelines

WIOA PY 26 Youth Recommended Plan

WIOA Budget Plan	YOUTH
Balance for Delegates	\$17,493,939
ITA funds	(\$3,500,000)
OJT/Apprenticeship Funds	(\$590,864)
AJC Recommendations	(\$2,645,000)
Sector Centers Transition Funds	(\$31,575)
AJC Transition Funding	(\$59,000)
In-School	(\$2,015,000)
Out-of-School	(\$8,652,500)
Balance	\$0

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11 AJC Provider Recommendations



Responses to Request for Proposals

11 AJCs Locations and Center Types

AJC Name	Address	Center Type	Current Youth Provider
AJC in Wheeling	1400 S. Wolf Rd, Wheeling, IL	Comprehensive	Yes
AJC at the King Center	4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago, IL	Comprehensive	Yes
AJC at Prairie State College	202 S. Halsted St, Chicago Heights, IL	Comprehensive	Yes
AJC in Pilsen	1700 W. 18 th St, Chicago, IL	Comprehensive	Yes
AJC at Malcolm X College West Campus	4624 W. Madison St, Chicago, IL	Affiliate	No
AJC in Maywood	1701 S. 1 st Ave, Maywood, IL	Affiliate	Yes
AJC at Daley College	7500 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL	Affiliate	Yes
AJC at Kennedy King College	747 W. 63 rd St, Chicago, IL	Affiliate	No
AJC in Harvey	16845 S. Halsted St, Harvey, IL	Affiliate	Yes
AJC at Truman College	1145 W. Wilson Ave, Chicago, IL	Affiliate	Yes
AJC at Olive Harvey College	10001 S. Woodlawn Ave, Chicago, IL	Affiliate	No

AJC Customer Satisfaction!

“[The AJC Staff were] very helpful and went above and beyond what I was expecting with the visit. I truly appreciated the professionalism, patience, and support I received throughout the process.”

Customer served by AJC in Pilsen

AJC Provider Proposals Received: Overview

- 47 proposals from 23 unique organizations 11 AJC locations
- AJCs sites that received the most responses of 5 and over:
 - AJC at Truman College
 - AJC at the King Center
 - AJC at Kennedy King College



RFP Review Process

Step 1: Review for Completeness and Budget Responsiveness

Partnership staff reviewed proposals for completeness and responsiveness to budget requirements. Incomplete proposals or proposals failing to submit Adult, Dislocated and Youth, applicable were deemed non-responsive.

Step 2: Evaluation Tool and Reviewer Training

A program proposal evaluation tool and financial tool were developed to evaluate agency responses. Reviewers including partnership staff, board committee members, and network professionals were trained on the tool for consistency. All Reviewers completed a disclosure statement assuring no conflict of interest.

Step 3: Individual and Consensus Review

Team of 2 workforce professionals assigned to each AJC location completed their own individual review. The pair then met together to complete a consensus review of each proposal and overall ranking of the responses per site.

Step 4: Financial Review

All tools were used to assess required budget forms. Partnership fiscal team then completed a manual review and evaluated the required financial and budget information and financial narrative responses.

Step 5: Final Recommendations

Partnership Leadership Team and Relationship Manager Team reviewed final proposal scores, strengths, costs and key factors to make final recommendations

Proposal Scoring Categories

30

points

Organizational Capacity and Demonstrated Experience

Track record managing workforce programs, staffing, performance outcomes, and partnerships

25

points

Program Design – Job Seeker Services

Career counseling, customer-centered design, training, and job placement strategies

25

points

Program Design – Business Services

Employer engagement, talent pipeline management, and partnership strategies

20

points

Fiscal Capacity

Financial management, cost efficiency, budgeting, and compliance capabilities

Total Points Available: 100

AJC Provider Recommendations

Site	Recommended Provider	Total Score	Key Factors
Wheeling (Comprehensive)	Business and Career Services (Incumbent)	88.58	Strong relationships with nearby community, strong workforce experience commitment to responsiveness, inclusivity and accessibility. Innovative approaches to serving population. Established relationship with nearby IDES office.
Prairie State (Comprehensive)	National Able Network (Incumbent)	97.92	Solid workforce provider with community connections and experience.
Pilsen (Comprehensive)	National Able Network (Incumbent)	90.13	Presented clear understanding of community needs. Strong Spanish Speaking staff. Extensive list of partners.
King Center (Comprehensive)	Employment and Employer Services(Incumbent)	83.75	Strong history and workforce experience. Leveraging City OJT funding. Established relationship with nearby IDES office.
Harvey (Affiliate)	Employment and Employer Services(Incumbent)	90.75	Extensive experience and documented performance outcomes. Well-developed business service model.

AJC Provider Recommendations Cont.

Site	Recommended Provider	Total Score	Key Factors
Daley College (Affiliate)	Dynamic Workforce Solutions (New)	81.89	Extensive national workforce experience, Strong employer engagement and quality assurance system.
Truman College (Affiliate)	Equus Workforce Solutions (Incumbent)	92.13	Well established community relationship. Strong employer engagement. Strong equity and innovation.
Olive Harvey College (Affiliate)	Dynamic Workforce Solutions (Incumbent)	92.6	Recently moved to Olive-Harvey. Continuity of staff at site. Presented thoughtful data-driven outcomes
Malcolm X-West Campus (Affiliate)	SERCO, Inc (Incumbent)	83.81	Recently moved to site. Establishing connections with community and host college. Consistently meets and exceeds targets. Strong employer engagement.
Kennedy-King College (Affiliate)	Equus Workforce Solutions (Incumbent)	87.35	Recently moved to location, new mobile digital platform, AI to support job readiness. Establishing ties to Englewood community since recent takeover of site.
Maywood (Affiliate)	SERCO, Inc. (New)	89.79	Strong organizational capacity and history of meeting goals. Presented innovative ideas to implement the program and grow within the community.

Recommended AJC Funding Amounts

Site	Agency	Out-of-School Youth Total
Wheeling	Business Career Services	\$650,000
Prairie State	National Able Network	\$185,000
Pilsen	National Able Network	\$185,000
King Center	Employment & Employer Services	\$320,000
Harvey	Employment & Employer Services	\$330,000
Maywood	SERCO Inc.	\$235,000
Malcolm X-West Campus	SERCO Inc.	\$0
Daley College	Dynamic Workforce Solutions	\$250,000
Olive-Harvey College	Dynamic Workforce Solutions	\$250,000
Truman College	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$240,000
Kennedy King College	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$0
Total		\$2,645,000

➤ New Youth Services
at Olive-Harvey
College

Other Youth Funding Recommendations

Agency	Out-of-School Award	Rationale
Employment and Employer Services	\$29,000	Transitional funds at Daley College
Employment and Employer Services	\$30,000	Transition funds at Maywood
Equus Workforce Solutions	\$12,500	Contract extension funds for Health Care Sector
Pyramid Partnership	\$19,075	Contract extension funds for Hospitality Sector
TOTAL	\$90,575	

WIOA Out-of-School Youth Recommendations

Organization Name	Service Area/Targeted Population	PY 25 Funding	Recommended PY 26 funding
Alternative Schools Network	Various sites in Chicago	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bethel Family Resource Center	Chicago Heights	\$350,000	\$350,000
Boys and Girls Club of Chicago	Bridgeport, Near West side, Washington Heights, South Lawndale	\$350,000	\$350,000
Bridges to Work	Youth with disabilities	\$350,000	\$350,000
Central States Ser Juvenile Justice Justice	Justice-involved youth	\$300,000	\$300,000
Central States Ser-Little Village	South Lawndale	\$350,000	\$350,000
Elgin Community College	Elgin	\$350,000	\$350,000
Greater Westtown	Humboldt Park, Garfield Park	\$350,000	\$350,000
Lawrence Hall	Serving Youth in foster care	\$310,000	\$310,000
Metropolitan Family Service	Calumet, Roseland	\$350,000	\$350,000
Moraine Valley CC	Southwest suburbs	\$350,000	\$350,000
New Moms, Inc.	West and Near north side of Chicago	\$350,000	\$350,000

WIOA Out-of-School Youth Recommendations

Organization Name	Service Area/Targeted Population	PY 25 Funding	Recommended PY 26 funding
Phalanx Family Services	South-East side of Chicago	\$350,000	\$350,000
Pyramid Workwise Alliance	Low-income Chicago area youth focus hospitality	\$350,000	\$350,000
SERCO	North Riverside	\$550,000	\$550,000
South Suburban College	South Suburban Cook County	\$350,000	\$350,000
The CABET Group	Downtown	\$300,000	\$300,000
Trellus Services	Uptown, Edgewater, Lakeview	\$300,000	\$300,000
UCAN	West -Side Chicago	\$350,000	\$350,000
Youth Job Center	North Suburbs and North side of Chicago	\$475,000	\$475,000

WIOA Out-of-School Youth Decrease Funding Recommendations

Organization Name	Service Area/Targeted Population	PY 25 Funding	Recommended PY 26 funding
Goodwill Industries	West Lawn, Englewood	\$350,000	\$297,500
Metropolitan Family Service-District #8	Hermosa, Belmont Cragin	\$350,000	\$315,000
North Lawndale Employment Network	North Lawndale	\$300,000	\$255,000
Grand Total Out-of-School Youth (Slide 13- 15)		\$8,785,000	\$8,652,500

WIOA In-School Youth Recommendations

Organization Name	Service Area/Targeted Population	PY 25 Funding	Recommended PY 26 funding
AERO Special Education	Southwest Suburban, serves participants with disabilities, focusing on job readiness training	\$350,000	\$315,000
LaGrange Area Dept. of Special Ed	West Suburban Youth with Disabilities	\$350,000	\$350,000
Maine Township	Northwest Suburban) Youth with disabilities	\$350,000	\$350,000
Township H.S. Dist. 214	Arlington Heights with disabilities	\$350,000	\$350,000
Youth Connection Charter	South Side Chicago high school youth	\$350,000	\$350,000
Youth Guidance	Wells-Harper Orr & Kelly HS Calvin High School	\$300,000	\$300,000
Grand Total In-School Youth		\$2,050,000	\$2,015,000

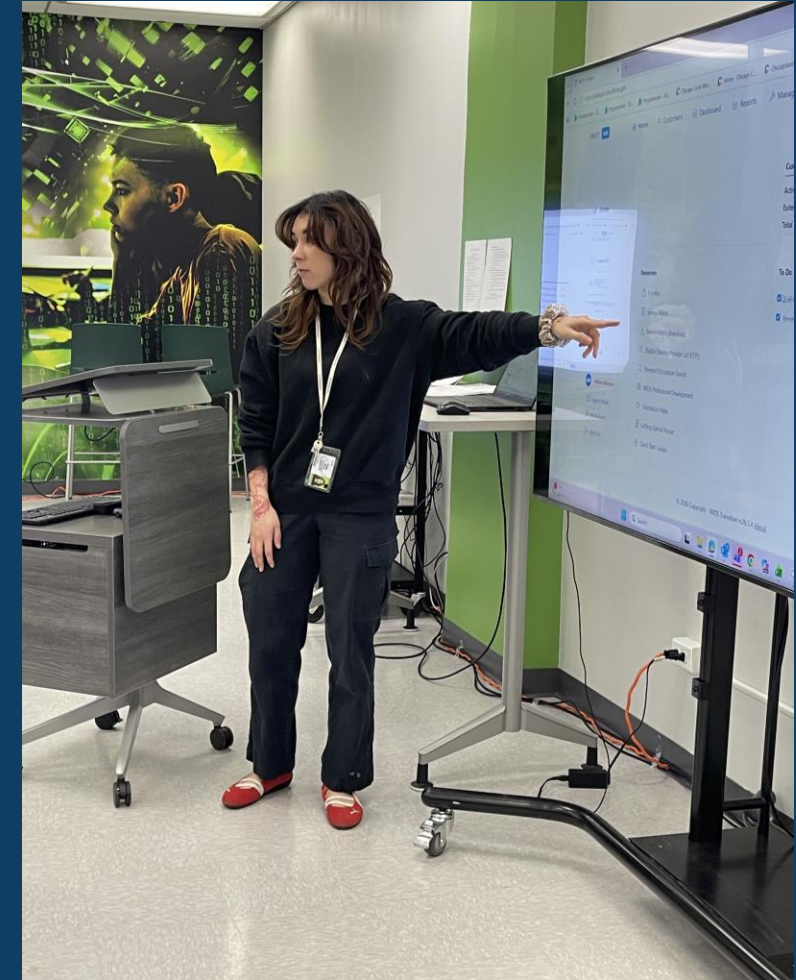
IWDS 2.0 System-Wide Training Plan



Illinois Workforce Development System (IWDS)

IWDS 2.0 Implementation Plan

Activity	Date	Status
User Acceptance Testing	February- April	✓
State Micro Teach Webinars for users	April and May	✓
Illinois Workforce Summit	May 6-8	✓
Partnership Convening Overview	May 12	✓
Train the Trainer Bootcamp	May 18-May 23	✓
User Testing	May	✓
System-wide Training	May-June	✓
Career Connect System Black Out	June 19	
Data Migration	June 20	
System goes live	July 1, 2026	



Next Request for Proposals Releases



Summer 2026

RFPs Plans: Looking Ahead to Summer '26



Affiliate AJCs targeting high need communities and populations.



Business Hub / Specialized AJCs (RFI already issued and responses received)



Career Pathway Training, Specialized AJCs.

Youth Committee Program Performance Data Review



Carly Bykerk, Associate Director of Program Performance

Trends & Data



Third Quarter Update – July 1, 2025 – March 30, 2026

WIOA Performance Overview-DOL Metrics (PY25)

Performance Measurement	Negotiated Goal	Actual Outcome	% of Negotiated Goal	Status
Youth Employment Rate Q2 (After Exit)	73.00%	75.59%	103.55%	EXCEED
Youth Employment Rate Q4 (After Exit)	72.00%	72.41%	100.57%	EXCEED
Youth Median Earnings Rate Q2 (After Exit)	\$5,500.00	\$6,219.82	113.09%	EXCEED
Youth Credential Attainment Rate (AE and During)	70.00%	70.68%	100.97%	EXCEED
Youth Measurable Skills Gain (During)	63.00%	66.90%	106.19%	EXCEED

Progress Through PY25, Q3

Through Q3 of Program Year 2025 (75% of the program year complete), the Youth Program is **performing exceptionally well**, with most metrics at or above expected pace.

Metric	% of Plan	% of Q3 Pace	Status
Pre-Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship	273%	364%	🌟 Outstanding
Non-ITA Training	146%	195%	🌟 Exceptional
Registrant/ Enrollment	92%	123%	✅ Ahead
Work Experience	86%	114%	✅ Ahead
Supportive Services	85%	113%	✅ Ahead

PY24 & PY25 Comparison (Through Q3)

While WIOA Youth program enrollment remains stable and wages increased 6.3% year-over-year, employment placements at exit declined 6.8%.

Metric	Value
Total Registrants Change (YoY)	-27
Total Registrants % Change	-1.0%
New Registrants Change (YoY)	-5
PY 2025 Average Wage at Exit	\$20.64
PY 2024 Average Wage at Exit	\$19.42
Change in Average Wage at Exit	+\$1.22
Employed at Exit Change	-36

Continuous Improvement Plans



Program Year 2025

PY25 CIP Outcomes (All Youth Agencies)

Most common reason for failed CIP is lack of improvement in placements and/or positive exits.

Need to focus efforts more strongly on building employer relationships and aligning talent pipeline.

PY25 CIP Outcome	Performing Well (PY25Q3)	Underperforming (PY25Q3)	Total
Successful	8	4	12
Unsuccessful	1	4	5
Total	9	8	17

Youth Out of School Recommendations



Recommendations for Program Year 2026.

Youth Out of School Performance PY25, Q3 Overview

- 7 Centers have their CIP lifted going into PY26 due to successful PY25 CIP outcome and/or strong performance through the 3rd quarter:
 - The CABET Group, Bridges To Work, Greater West Town Project, Central States SER-Little Village, Lawrence Hall, Phalanx, Youth Job Center.
- The Centers listed on next slide were on a CIP last year and are recommended for CIP going into PY26.

Recommended CIPs for PY26 (Out of School Youth)

Agency	PY25 Recommendation	PY25 CIP Outcome	PY25 Q3 Performance Assessment	PY26 Recommendation	Areas of Concern	Score
Alternative Schools Network	CIP	Successful	Underperforming	CIP	New Enrollments, Positive Exits	72
Boys & Girls Club	CIP	Successful	Underperforming	CIP	Placements, Case Notes, *Exits	72
C. States SER-Juvenile Justice	CIP w/ Decreased Funding	Unsuccessful	Underperforming	CIP	Placements, Positive Exits	77
Pyramid Workwise Alliance	CIP	Successful	Underperforming	CIP	Placements, New Enrollments	82

Recommended CIP with Decreased Funding for PY26

Agency	Program	PY25 Recommendation	PY25 CIP Outcome	PY25 Q3 Performance Assessment	PY26 Recommendation	Areas of Concern/Recommendations	Score
Goodwill Industries	OSY	CIP	Unsuccessful	Underperforming	High Risk - CIP w/ Decreased Funding (15%)	Total Served, New Registrants, Placement, Positive Exits	53
Metropolitan Family Services-North	OSY	CIP	Successful	Underperforming	CIP w/ Decreased Funding (10%)	Enrollment and Positive Exits	69
North Lawndale Employment Network	OSY	CIP w/ Decreased Funding	Unsuccessful	Underperforming	High Risk - CIP w/ Decreased Funding (15%)	New Registrants, Placement, Case notes, Weak Fiscal, Positive Exits	54

Youth In-School Recommendations



Recommendations for Program Year 2026.

Youth In-School Performance PY25, Q3 Overview

- 2 Centers have their CIP lifted going into PY26 due to successful PY25 CIP outcome and/or strong performance through the 3rd quarter:
 - Township High School and Youth Guidance
- The Center on the next slide was on a CIP last year and is recommended for a CIP going into PY26.

Recommended CIP with Decreased Funding for PY26

Agency	Program	PY25 Recommendation	PY25 CIP Outcome	PY25 Q3 Performance Assessment	PY26 Recommendation	Areas of Concern/Recommendations	Score
AERO Special Education	ISY	CIP	Unsuccessful	Underperforming	CIP w/ Decreased Funding(10%)	New Registrants, Placements, Weak Fiscal, 4th Q Emp. Rate	63

Q 3 Youth Top Performers

Youth Programs Scoring 90 and Up

Out of School Youth	Score
The Cabet Group	98
Moraine Valley Community College	97
U Can	97
Greater West Town Project	94
Youth Job Center	94
Elgin Community College	90

In-School Youth	Score
Maine Township	97
Youth Connection Charter	97
Township HS Dist. 214	92



Performance Recalibration



Program Year 2025

Performance Recalibration Update

What's New for PY26: Metrics in 3 weighted buckets

Bucket	Weight	Focus
Participant Results & Service Delivery	50%	Employment rates, earnings, credentials, skills gains, enrollments/exit volume, business engagement.
Financial Stewardship, Compliance & Operations	35%	Cost efficiency, risk assessment, monitoring readiness, case management discipline.
Equity	15%	Serving priority populations, demographic wage equity, outcomes for those with barriers.

CEO's Remarks



George Wright, CEO, The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership



Thank You

Questions & Public Comment



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Reference Guide for 2026 WIOA In School and Out of School Youth Recommendations

- A. **Organization Name:** The name of the agency listed on the grant agreement.
- B. **Service Area.** The geographic service area or target population.
- C. **Total Served:** The total number of registered participants with an active service provided by the agency during July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.
- D. **Percent Actual Total Served to Planned:** The percent of youth with an open service recorded in Career Connect from July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, to the planned number. **Scoring: 85% and above = 10 points, 70%-84% = 7 points, 55%-69% = 5 points, below 55% = 0**
- E. **Percent of Actual to Planned New Enrollments:** The percent of actual new registrants to planned as recorded in Career Connect through March 31, 2026. **Scoring: 85% and above = 10 points, 70%-84% = 7 points, 55%-69% = 5 points, below 55% = 0**
- F. **Percent Actual to Planned Placements:** The percent of actual job placements or post-secondary placements to planned placements recorded in Career Connect by March 31, 2026. **Scoring: 85% and above = 10 points, 70%-84% = 7 points, 55%-69% = 5 points, below 55% = 0**
- G. **Percent of Cases with Current Case Notes:** The percent of active participant files with a current case note (within 30 days) entered into Career Connect. (A snapshot in time of case notes). **Scoring: 85% and above = 10 points, 70%-84% = 7 points, 55%-69% = 5 points, below 55% = 0**
- H. **Program Compliance Score:** The overall rating score of a program compliance instrument assessing files and compliance with WIOA regulations. **Scoring: 90%- 100% = 10 points, 80%-89% = 7 points, 70%-79% = 5 points, below 70% = 0 points**
- I. **Fiscal Strength:** The overall assessment rating of the organization's fiscal procedures, vouchering practices, and fiscal monitoring. **Scoring: Strong = 10 points, Medium= 7 points, Weak= 5 points.**
- J. **Percent of Positive Exits:** The percentage of participants exiting with a positive outcome compared to the total exits. **Scoring: 70% and above= 10 points, 60%-69% = 7 points, 50%-59% = 5 points, below 50% = 0 points, N/A = less than 10 people in the measure = 8 points**
- K. **2nd Quarter Employment/Post-Secondary Rate:** A mandated WIOA performance measure that identifies people who completed the program during the previous year and were tracked as employed or in post-secondary education or advanced training during the 2nd quarter after exit. The rate is the number of people showing earnings in the second quarter after exit compared to the potential possible in the exit cohort group.
- L. **2nd Quarter Employment/Post-Secondary Rate Scoring:** **73% and above Exceed =10 points, 51.1%-72.9% Meet= 7 points, below 51.1% Fail=4 points. N/A = less than 10 people in the measure and 8 points**
- M. **4th Quarter Employment/Post-Secondary Rate:** A mandated WIOA performance measure that identifies people who completed the program during the previous year and a half and were tracked as employed or in post-secondary education or advanced training during the 4th quarter after exit. The rate is the number of people showing earnings in the fourth quarter after exit compared to the potential possible in the exit cohort group.

- N. **4th Quarter Employment/Post-Secondary Rate Scoring:** 72% and above Exceed =10 points, 50.4%-71.9% Meet= 7 points, below 50.4% Fail=4 points. N/A = less than 10 people in the measure and 8 points
- O. **2nd Quarter Median Earnings Rate: (Out of School Youth Only)** A mandated WIOA performance measure that calculates the median quarterly earnings among people in the second quarter after exit. The rate is the middle earnings of all the people who have recorded earnings in the 2nd quarter after exit.
- Measurable Skills Gain Rate: (In-School Only):** A mandated WIOA performance measure that calculates the ratio of youth who participated in academic or training services and have documented gains in skills during the program year.
- P. **2nd Quarter Median Earnings Rate: (Out of School Youth Only) Scoring:** \$5500 and above Exceed =10 points, \$3,850-\$5499 Meet=7 points, below \$3850=Fail=4 points. NA = 8 points.
- Measurable Skills Gains Scoring:** 63% and above = Exceeds 10 Points, 44.1%-62.9% = Meet 7 points, below 44.1% =Fail 4 points, N/A = 8 points (less than 10 people in the measure)
- Q. **Total Score:** Total point value earned on each benchmark. The maximum amount is 100 points.
- R. **Funding PY 25 Amount:** The total amount contractor was funded in PY 2025.
- S. **Recommended Funding PY 26 Amount:** The recommended funding level for PY 2026.
- T. **Justification:** Rationale for funding recommendations and any program improvement plans.