

# How Do I Design My Stimulus Youth Program?

Stimulus Youth Work Experience  
Program Training

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# Background

- President Obama signed the “Recovery Act” into law on February 17, 2009
- Our goal is to stimulate Ohio’s economy
- Create “good” jobs fast
- Focus on elevating our youth to be prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and its demands

# U.S. DOL Guidelines for Stimulus

(TEGL 14-08)

- Transparency and accountability in the use of Recovery Act funding
- Timely spending of funds and implementation of activities
- Increasing workforce system capacity and service levels
- Using data and workforce information to guide strategic planning and service delivery

# Critical “Recovery Act” Concepts

- Contracts with Institutions of Higher Education and Other Training Providers
- Emphasis on serving low-income, displaced and under-skilled adults and **disconnected youth**
- Strong focus on “Green” job placements and work experiences
- Program Performance and Reporting – streamlining data collection of information to show measurable program output

# Primary Goals - Youth Stimulus Programs

- Allowable Activities – “any youth activities under WIA are allowable unless otherwise stated” in TEGE – 14-08
- Use as much of these funds as possible to operate expanded summer youth employment opportunities during the summer of 2009
- Developing youth work readiness skills
- Expose youth to opportunities in “green” educational and career pathways

# Stimulus Youth Funds and Duration

- Program Funding

- **\$56,158,510 million** – is Ohio's share out of the 1.2 billion youth stimulus funds

- Program Time Period

- Summer Employment – May 1 - September 30, 2009
- Youth Work Experiences can be provided throughout the year - May 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

# Significant Differences from WIA Youth

- Age Limit Increase

- Increases the age eligibility to a maximum of 24

- Performance Measures

- Only indicator to assess the effectiveness of summer employment will be the “work readiness” indicator
- Youth enrolled for the “summer” only period will not be counted in any other performance measures

# Expected Outcomes from Local Areas



- Youth placements in meaningful work experiences
- Youth must demonstrate an increase in work readiness, i.e. soft skills, work ethic, employability, etc.
- Majority (up to 70%) of the funds expended by end of Summer 2009 (September 30, 2009)

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