



CCMEP Update

OWEN'S Corner



Happy New Year! During this time of reflection and goal setting, we continue to work toward refining the CCMEP program. We have received improvement suggestions from many of you, as well as from local stakeholders, and we are reviewing these possibilities. One thing we know for sure: This spring, we will provide increased opportunities for regional case management training. Once dates are finalized, we will send an announcement. In addition, there are several online OWCMS and BIC Cognos training modules available **here**. We anticipate releasing several online CCMEP training modules this spring.

Please work with your participants to help them set resolutions and goals for this upcoming year. Helping youth identify, visualize and document their personal and career goals is very impactful. The CCMEP team's resolution is to continue to work toward improving and streamlining the program. Stay tuned for updates on future enhancements!

–Gerrie Cotter, Project Manager

Financial Highlights

The FFY19 CCMEPTANF allocation liquidated Dec. 31 so all outstanding expenses should have paid. If some outstanding services did not get paid, they should still be cleared in CLT as they will cause fiscal closing issues in the January-March quarter close.

The first quarter of the FFY20 CCMEPTANF allocation ended Dec. 31. The first redistribution opportunity for this allocation occurs after the first quarter closes. Please work with fiscal staff to project if you may need additional CCMEPTANF funds, or if you could release funds to others who may need additional funds. If you're not sure at this time, there will be other opportunities later this year to redistribute.

We are in the last few months of the PY20 CCMEP WIOA allocation. All services must be provided by June 30 and liquidated by Sept. 30. A significant amount of these funds is still unspent; please be sure to fully utilize all CCMEP funds.

Please contact Mark Anderson at mark.anderson@jfs.ohio.gov or (614) 359-3468 with any questions or if you need assistance.

Program Monitoring

Program monitoring is an important – and required – component of CCMEP. The ODJFS Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services conducts monitoring activities to ensure that the policies, procedures and systems of the workforce areas and lead agencies meet all federal and state requirements and regulations. In addition, **WIOAPL 15-13** (Work Experience for Youth) requires workforce development boards to be responsible for ensuring compliance with WIOA, applicable regulations and oversight of the program.

Recent monitoring trends show some common issues, including lack of documentation for youth work experience/worksite agreements and missing elements of the youth work experience and complaint procedure documentation. Please be sure to work with local partners, staff and youth/service providers to ensure they follow all requirements. The Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services also has a **Program Monitoring Guide** that can be used as a resource and may help answer your questions.

Entrepreneurial Services for Youth

Both TANF and WIOA funds can be used to provide youth with entrepreneurial training that helps them learn the basics of starting and operating a small business. This training should help them develop skills such as taking the initiative, developing budgets, forecasting resource needs, writing a business plan and communicating effectively. Here are some examples of allowable training:

- Entrepreneurship education that introduces the values and basics of starting and running a business;
- Enterprise development that provides supports and services that can help participants develop their own business; and
- Experiential programs that give participants experience in the day-to-day operation of a small business – for example, a catering company that allows participants to learn culinary skills while seeing firsthand what it takes to run a small business.

Training resources are available [here](#).

ApprenticeOhio Website Redesigned



ApprenticeOhio

ApprenticeOhio has a new website with more comprehensive information for CCMEP participants and employers. Here are some highlights:

- Online forms that allow users to request more information;
- Pre-apprenticeship information, including information about how pre-apprenticeship programs can help with high school graduation requirements;
- Links to studies and testimonials from apprentices and sponsors;
- Infographics showing a timeline to become a sponsor, return on investment, and myths and facts;
- Information for veterans.

For an overview of the website's new features, watch this [video](#). To explore the website more fully, visit [apprentice.ohio.gov](#).

Upcoming Webinars

Please mark your calendars and register for the upcoming webinars below. To register, use this [link](#).

Feb. 13 – Work Participation

April 9 – Work Experience and Summer Employment

June 11 – Measurable Skills Gain

Aug. 13 – Exiting, Follow-up and FAFSA

Oct. 8 – Customer Focus and Annual Performance Report Preliminary Data

Dec. 10 – Case Notes and Monitoring Cleanup

In case you missed it, our December webinar focused on social media. Listen to it on our [CCMEP Training page](#) under the "CCMEP Webinars."

After-Exit Performance and Data Entry

In the first quarter of program year 2019, a larger cohort of participants who exited from CCMEP between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2018, was evaluated for performance in the measure "Education, Training, or Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit." Participants are considered to have a positive outcome if they are in education, training or employment.

The data for this measure come from two sources: (1) wage records if they are employed in a job covered by unemployment insurance and/or (2) the OWCMS "Post Exit & Wages" screen – either "placement" for education/training or "supplemental wages" for employment.

Case managers can find out whether participants are in education, training or employment while providing follow-up services during the second and fourth quarters after exit. It is important to document in OWCMS (1) if the participant is in education or training and (2) if those in the military are receiving supplemental wages. In both of these scenarios, the information entered into OWCMS is the only way to verify this performance measure.

Note: OWCMS was updated and now has an option for "In Secondary School" for those who return to high school.

Please use the performance reports in BIC Cognos – such as "CCMEP Youth Education, Training, or Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit" and "CCMEP Youth Education, Training, or Employment 4th Quarter After Exit" – and review the participants and their estimated outcomes. Then record any missing information in the OWCMS "Post Exit & Wages" screen.

OWCMS Individual Opportunity Plan (IOP) Updates

The following are some OWCMS Labor Exchange **changes** that occurred in December. These same changes will be implemented to the IOP for WIOA/CCMEP this spring:

- The Labor Exchange side of OWCMS is now called Employment Services. It also now includes the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program.
- The Experience Summary tab is now more data-driven, with fewer free-text fields, to allow for better reporting.
- The Goals tab now combines both long-term and short-term goals and is optional.
- The Services tab now has three sections: Career, Training and Non-Registered Services.
- There is a new IOP Summary menu, to allow users to see all services across multiple programs (Labor Exchange and WIOA).

If you have questions, please call (888) 296-9541, option 4, or email OWCMS-Help-Desk@jfs.ohio.gov.

Save the Date: Regional Training Registration

Registration for "Working with and Engaging Youth" will begin soon. The semi-annual roundtable will be replaced this April with training provided by Jodie Sue Kelly, who has wide recognition for her innovative, practical and entertaining workshops and webinars.

Seating is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration information will be provided soon.

Northwest Region

Date/Time: April 20, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: OhioMeansJobs Hancock County, 7746 County Road 140, Findlay 45839
2nd Floor Conference Room

Southwest Region

Date/Time: April 22, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: OhioMeansJobs Cincinnati-Hamilton County, 1916 Central Pkwy, Cincinnati 45214
Room C, Large Conference Room

Northeast Region

Date/Time: April 24, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Cuyahoga Community College, 2500 E. 22nd St., Cleveland 44115
Jerry Sue Thornton Center, Ford Room

Central Region

Date/Time: April 29, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: ODJFS, 4020 E. 5th Ave., Columbus 43219
Conference Rooms A-118 and A-119.

Southeast Region

Date/Time: April 30, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, District 4, 360 E. State St., Athens 45701