



# CCMEP Update

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## OWEN'S Corner

As we celebrate our nation's independence, please remember to celebrate all the milestones CCMEP participants achieve on their journey to independence, as well. One partner program that can help 16- to 24-year-olds achieve independence is Job Corps. This free residential program includes meals and has three facilities in Ohio:

**Cleveland:** 13421 Coit Road, (216) 541-2500

**Cincinnati:** 1409 Western Ave., (513) 651-2000

**Dayton:** 3849 Germantown Pike, (937) 268-6571

At Job Corps, participants can work toward obtaining their high school diploma and/or technical certifications related to health care (such as a CNA or medical assistant credential), hospitality, construction, IT, manufacturing, welding, auto repair, office administration and early childhood development.

There are a significant number of opportunities for Ohio youth to enter this program now that recent dormitory renovations have been completed. This option can be particularly beneficial for foster youth or anyone needing a stable home life. If you have questions, please email Project Director Amanda Gordon at [gordon.amanda@jobcorps.org](mailto:gordon.amanda@jobcorps.org).

July is also a great time to think about how to keep participants who entered CCMEP for a summer work experience engaged this fall and winter, especially if they are returning to secondary school. Some things to consider are workshops on career exploration, career or job clubs, job shadowing opportunities, tutoring, leadership development and entrepreneurial training. Case managers should ask youth how best to connect with them during the school year. Some options include texting, school email accounts, phone calls and visits.

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## New State Fiscal Year

The new state fiscal year brings new budgets. The PY17 WIOA funds are now in liquidation and no longer available to be assigned for client services in CLT. PY18 WIOA allocations are beginning their second year of the two-year allocation period. The PY19 WIOA funds have just been released and will be made available to sub-areas soon by the local fiscal agents. The new FFY20 CCMEPTANF allocation will be available in October.

The FFY19 CCMEPTANF allocation is now in the final quarter of its annual allocation. For many agencies, this is the busiest time of year for CCMEP clients as many have work experiences over the summer. Keep in mind that agencies can provide other opportunities to youth during the summer, as well, such as education assistance or training, a driver education class, job shadowing, and pre-apprenticeship exploration or participation.

If you have questions about the allocations or service options, please contact Mark Anderson at [mark.anderson@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:mark.anderson@jfs.ohio.gov) or call 614-359-3468.

## Summer Work Experience Next Steps

As the end of summer approaches, it's important to plan ways to continue to engage with CCMEP participants who enrolled to obtain a paid summer work experience. Doing so will help ensure that they obtain their high school diploma and get on track for an in-demand career.

Many counties have identified successful strategies. Some examples include developing a monthly job or career exploration club, workshops on career exploration or FAFSA completion, job shadow experiences, tutoring, career counseling, leadership development, entrepreneurial training and supportive services. Equally important is choosing the means of engagement. Several counties have had success with texting, social media, phone calls and handwritten postcards.

# Importance of Fathers

Noncustodial parents are one of the CCMEP target populations, and an excellent resource for engaging them is the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. The commission is housed within ODJFS and strengthens vulnerable families by funding local programs that help low-income fathers become better parents, partners and providers. Research shows that children with fathers who are present in their lives require less special education, repeat grades less often, have fewer behavioral problems in school, are more likely to graduate, and are less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system. The commission:

- Increases public awareness about the critical role fathers play in their children's lives
- Works to prevent premature fatherhood
- Promotes fathers' involvement in their children's education
- Funds programs that help low-income fathers find and keep jobs and improve their parenting skills

For more information and to identify father engagement resources near you, visit [fatherhood.ohio.gov](http://fatherhood.ohio.gov).

## New "CCMEP Eligibility" Button in OWCMS

If youth are not "OWF Work Required," an "OWF Volunteer" or a "PRC Volunteer" – and all those boxes have been selected as "No" in OWCMS – you still can check their TANF eligibility through the new "Other TANF Eligibility" field. For the field to be an option, the following steps must be taken:

1. Complete the CCMEP WIOA tab in its entirety and select SAVE to calculate potential eligibility for CCMEP WIOA.
2. Complete the CCMEPTANF tab and select SAVE.
3. The new CCMEP Eligibility button will be enabled, with five new questions displayed. Answer the questions.
4. Select Done/Exit.
5. Select SAVE.

Potential eligibility for CCMEP WIOA and CCMEPTANF will now display at the bottom of the "General" tab. If you have questions, call (888) 296-9541, option 4, or email [OWCMS-Help-Desk@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:OWCMS-Help-Desk@jfs.ohio.gov).

## Credential Attainment

Key strategies for Credential Attainment that measure success include:

1. Consistently engage with in-school youth attending secondary school until they obtain their high school diploma (within one year of exiting the program)
2. Help out-of-school youth and older in-school youth obtain industry-recognized postsecondary credentials.
3. Enter Credential data in OWCMS within 1 year after program exit (review pgs. 11-16 of the **CCMEP Youth Desk Aid** for details).

Also, younger in-school youth ages (14-16) will need to stay in the program for several years before it's possible for them to obtain a high school diploma. To receive credit for this credential, remember to enter the employment and post-secondary education enrollment data in OWCMS on Post Exit and Wages Screen for any youth who obtained their high school diplomas.

To confirm whether a post-secondary credential qualifies as industry-recognized, review the **WIOA Policy Letter 16-02.1** regarding Eligible Training Providers, along with **Attachment A**, which includes the Credential Checklist Template.

## ApprenticeOhio Social Media



#DYK ApprenticeOhio is on social media? ApprenticeOhio has social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn, which makes it easy to quickly provide information

to anyone interested. In most cases, apprentices must be at least 18 and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Follow @ApprenticeOhio for up-to-date event information, articles, career fairs and announcements.

[facebook.com/apprenticeohio](https://facebook.com/apprenticeohio)

[twitter.com/apprenticeohio](https://twitter.com/apprenticeohio)

[youtube.com/channel/UCiCabtSFwlcRtQ7H3KehYtA](https://youtube.com/channel/UCiCabtSFwlcRtQ7H3KehYtA)

[linkedin.com/company/apprenticeohio](https://linkedin.com/company/apprenticeohio)

## Coming Soon: Regional Roundtables!

CCMEP roundtable events will be held around the state this October. If you have suggestions for topics you would like to be included, please email [CCMEPQNA@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:CCMEPQNA@jfs.ohio.gov). Thank you and save the date!

### Central Region

Date: Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: ODJFS, 4020 E. 5th Ave., Columbus 43219

### Southeast Region

Date: Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

### Southwest Region

Date: Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Montgomery County Business Services, 1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton 45422-3600

### Northeast Region

Date: Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave., Akron 44310

### Northwest Region

Date: Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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